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Sports Gauchos aim for state title this weekend [B1]

Opinion Where do you dine out with small children? [A11]



While their playing talent is untested, the Bobcats (above) certainly ranked as the loudest team in Saturday's parade. Below, EC Mayor Gina Brusatori welcomes players and parents to another season.



It happens every spring

EL CERRITO — Saturday was all any high-spirited group could ask for: Fire engines, police cars, antique autos, and hundreds of kids age 6 to 14 dressed in colorful baseball uniforms parading along Ashbury Avenue. Add a rousing national anthem by 13-year-old Ryan Houston to start off a rally in front of Cerrito Vista Park and you have the annual El Cerrito Youth Baseball "Opening Day" festivities. Even the weather cooperated.

Mayor Gina Brusatori and ECYB President Adam Gruen made welcoming remarks at the bandstand, which was followed by free ice cream for celebrants before players went off to prepare for that day's games.

The league continues to grow, with a new team added this year to handle the extra players.

East-west routes center of attention

By James Carter

ALBANY — As the City Council gears up for public discussion of a proposed citywide transportation plan, citizen concerns about traffic and safety issues on Marin and Solano avenues appear to be piling up.

A growing number of parents, cyclists, seniors and even young people have complained about the difficulty crossing those two thoroughfares. Similar concerns about traffic safety in town fueled a decision by the city two years ago to study the situation and propose solutions.

Since then a preliminary citywide transportation plan has been completed. It presents an in-depth analysis of traffic and safety problems for virtually every street and block in Albany. The plan also offers a host of optional solutions to each

location studied.

Currently that proposal is under final consideration by the Traffic and Safety Commission, which will be making its recommendation to the City Council as early as May.

In the meantime, some residents believe conditions on Marin and Solano avenues are accidents waiting to happen.

Hit-and-run

As recently as last November, an 8-year-old boy crossing Marin Avenue on his way to school was run over and seriously injured by a hit-and-run driver. Though speeding was not the cause of the accident, there have been reports of "close calls" on Marin Avenue, according to Chief of Police Larry Murdo.

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Robbers hit Albany restaurant again

By Marc Albert

ALBANY — A Solano Avenue restaurant was held up by two masked gunmen Saturday, in a bold repeat of a robbery at the same location the night before.

Both assailants allegedly held weapons witnesses described as possibly Uzis or Mach-10s. Employees believe at least one of the perpetrators took part in both robberies.

No shots were fired and no injuries reported. The robbers took about \$1,500 Friday and \$1,000 Saturday.

About 12 people were inside the small bistro and wine bar just after 11 p.m. when the gunmen burst in. Conversation instantly ceased and witnesses said they perceived the lights going eerily dim.

"These guys did their takeover, got the money and left," said Ted Gellis, a waiter at Britt-Marie's. "At least no one got hurt."

Witnesses said one man guarded the door with a short barrel automatic rifle, while the other man rushed the bar rummaging for cash. Gellis took the man into

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Call for more input on superintendent choice

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Not breaking any new ground at its Feb. 23 meeting, the Albany School Board heard reports on the status of current major projects and fended off criticism of a couple of other items on their plate.

"We have continued to ask for removal of the lockers covering the murals and you have not listened so far," Albany High Art Teacher Ed Hill told the board. "It is an insult to everybody."

Despite protests, new student lockers were installed on the second floor hall of the Fine Arts-Little Theater building covering murals created over the years by

art students. Slogans decrying the existence of the lockers have been scrawled across them in water soluble paint, a move some have called an act of vandalism.

The lockers will be moved when the new high school is completed in September, 2001, and the walls restored allowing students to repair the murals, according to Superintendent J. Dale Hudson.

Plans for modernization of the Fine Arts Building sometime in the not too distant future include new walls as part of a mechanical upgrade, a new door and

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Parents, students urged to be on the alert

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Police Chief Linda Fellers reports that the El Cerrito Police Department is aware of the recent after school incidents in West County schools

and that student safety remains a key concern of her department.

"We already have a practice of trying to put our officers in the vicinities of the schools before and after school," she said earlier this week.

Fellers said that because "there is so much going on with traffic and kids coming and going" that it is "a safety thing" for officers to be present whenever possible.

Because of staffing limitations, Fellers explained that "we can't always patrol when other calls come in," but she added that it is "always a priority for us" to have officers "around the schools when kids

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'Bird house' moving to a new nest

By J.R. Deaton



Judith Murphy with one of her menagerie now being relocated.

EL CERRITO — It appears the birds have finally flown the coop — or at least moved to another jurisdiction. Four months after being declared a nuisance by the City Council, the owners of a Kern Street house and most of their more than 170 feathered friends have moved to new digs in Rodeo.

"As of yesterday all the birds are gone except for a few little finches," reported Judith Murphy outside the couple's El Cerrito home last Sunday.

"We're moving — we're getting out — that's the story," said Robert Murphy while sweeping up on the front porch. An inspection last year found at least 170 birds in the Murphy's house, about 40 percent of them weighing more than a half-pound. Neighbors complained of noise and other problems caused by the large number of birds kept on the property.

El Cerrito Building Official Steve Mitchell said his inspection last Friday showed "80 percent of the large birds" have been moved out. Mitchell said the Murphys are making "substantial progress on the removal of the large birds."

The Murphys and two helpers were busy last weekend loading belongings into a large U-Haul truck. The truck was filled with bird cages and wire boxes and items from the property. A quick look at the Murphy's back yard over a neighbor's fence revealed that things are indeed being cleaned up.

An old Volkswagen micro-bus has been removed from the yard and Mrs. Murphy said that a flatbed truck in the back will also be gone soon.

There were still some debris piles and other items, but the yard does appear cleaner than it did last December. Mrs.

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Recommendations on redevelopment to council

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Despite the objection of one member of the "wordsmithing" subcommittee, the Committee of the Whole overwhelmingly approved a final report on the city's redevelopment agency that calls for the agency to suspend activities for four years.

The report approved last week recommends five other specific actions. These include that the agency establish improved financial controls, "build a reserve fund to meet the need to borrow from the city and establish accountability for the missteps of the past to prevent their recurrence." The final vote was 15 for, 1 against, but not enough to pass the report.

The next step will be to study the recommendations with the City Council where the committee's recommendations were presented and discussed. The goal is to get the council to approve the recommendations," George said at the meeting. Amberg told the other committee members that the word-smithing and refined the original Financial Review Team report on the Redevelopment Agency. The "case" of the original report unveiled last December was criticized by some in the general committee. Amberg said that in the final version approved last week the report is somewhat different than it was at the beginning.

The Redevelopment Agency owes the city \$780,000, mostly for reimbursement costs. The Committee of the Whole recommends

that the agency "suspend activity" until the debt to the city is repaid, which could take up to four years. The agency would continue payments of bond and note debt and other activities required by state law.

The recommendation notes that "only if an extraordinary opportunity arose" could the agency delay the debt payments "so as to participate financially." The report points out that "the proposal would involve (agency staff layoffs)," which has been a bone of contention at past committee meetings.

The Committee of the Whole also recommends the agency "establish improved financial accounting" such as tracking costs on a monthly and project basis. It recommends a reserve fund be established and that the city staff spends on Redevelopment Agency matters be documented "so as to reflect real costs."

The recommendations also urge the agency to "maintain cash flow accounting of money borrowed from the city."

Ricard Bartke, former El Cerrito mayor and current member of the wordsmithing subcommittee, said the report maintained further refinement.

"We didn't finish," Bartke told the other committee members after outlining the goals of the word-smithing subcommittee. "In my view, page one is probably on its next to the last draft."

He laid page two of the five-page report as "hardly touched" and that the other pages still needed attention.

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Charles, Lucy Wilson will be added to EC Wall of Fame

City Council also looks at budget presentation, auditor's report, other issues.

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The City Council took action on a number of items at its meeting last week, these include: **SPECIAL HONOR:** The late Charles E. Wilson and his wife Lucy W. Wilson were approved for the El Cerrito Wall of Fame by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Norman La Force missed the meeting because of a family emergency, but his fellow councilmembers indicated that La Force wholeheartedly endorsed the resolution.

Mrs. Wilson attended the meeting with her daughter Mina and received applause from the audience and warm words from the council and her friends at the meeting. "I am most honored and pleased to be part of this," Mayor Gina Brusatori said before the vote.

The Wilsons, nominated to the Wall of Fame by the Gray Panthers of West Contra Costa County, were described as "leaders in the Bay Area, California and the nation in the cause of civil rights and justice for all."

Among other accomplishments, the Wilsons helped establish the El Cerrito branch of the NAACP, the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission and the city's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

In 1996 the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors named Charles Wilson Humanitarian of the Year for the county and in November 1997 Lucy Wilson was recognized as founder as the California Librarians Black Caucus.

BUDGET CHANGES: The council heard a report this week from the

Committee of the Whole recommending changes in the way El Cerrito prepares and presents its annual budget.

After the study session this week, the committee's budget recommendations were forwarded to city staff for further study and review.

Possible changes include implementing a true two-year budget adopted annually and using a baseline expenditure plan. The committee also recommended a better explanation of transfers on each appropriate page (and eliminating transfers whenever possible) and including a description and explanation of local government revenue sources.

There was some talk of a collaborative effort between city financial staff and the Financial Review Team, a subcommittee of the Committee of the Whole, to study ways to implement the recommendations.

A total of 18 budget changes were recommended by the committee.

MEETING MINUTES: The council approved 4-0 a resolution introduced by Councilman Larry Damon to implement a policy of attaching and referencing written communications into the official minutes of each meeting.

In a letter to the mayor, Damon wrote that such a policy would "lighten the load on the city clerk as well as enhance the accuracy and completeness of the open discussion."

Damon contended that attaching and referencing written communications would "ensure complete records" and "rebut the contention that our present 'editing' approach

restricts documentation of 'unacceptable' questions and comments."

Written comments from the public and others are already attached and retained in the "agenda items" section of the public record, but are not referenced or attached in the official minutes. Councilwoman Jane Bartke wondered about the burden of trying to copy and store extra written records.

"What I'm thinking is, we're going to kill a lot of trees if we're not careful here," she said.

The council decided to try this new policy for a year and then review how it is working.

If people submit "documents the size of 'War and Peace' — that's a problem," Damon noted.

AUDIT REPORT: The council also accepted and filed the audit report for fiscal year 1997-98.

Reporting to the council, Financial Services Manager Julie Brown said the audit was performed by an independent accounting firm "in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards."

The audit report was presented "with no qualifications," meaning it meets all requirements.

Brown noted that the auditors found that the financial statements fairly present "the financial position and cash flows of the city of El Cerrito as of June 30, 1998." Councilman Damon questioned Brown and accountant Chris Millias, about footnotes in the audit report that Damon characterized as "somewhat misleading" or unclear.

In November 1997 the City Council voted to modify an equity sharing agreement it had with City Man-

ager Gary Pokorny. "In order to induce the city manager to accept his position and relocate from another state, the city advanced \$150,000 to the city manager," an audit report footnote explains.

This enabled the city manager to purchase a home in El Cerrito and the report states "ownership of the property is shared by the city and city manager in accordance with their respective investments."

The original 1989 agreement was modified by the City Council in November 1997 so that repayment of the \$150,000 "would fully satisfy the agreement."

The report adds: "In July 1998, the amount advanced under the agreement was paid in full." Damon noted that last year's audit report footnotes included information about money due the city from the property's appreciation (or interest at 7 percent), but the current report footnotes do not.

"Why did you make this one more vague?" Damon asked Millias.

"We didn't purposely make it more vague," Millias responded.

"That interest was forgiven, is that correct?" Damon asked.

Millias confirmed that the interest was forgiven as "part of the (November 1997) modification." "You knew what that modification was and you failed to bring that modification out in clarifying context," Damon contended.

Millias pointed out that the footnotes in the audit report are written by city staff, not the auditors.

Damon then questioned Brown

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The WCCUSD music department and the Ed. Fund are sponsoring the Second Annual All District Music Festival tonight (March 11) at the Richmond Convention Center starting at 7:15 pm.

Michael Morgan, music director and conductor of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event which will feature hundreds of WCCUSD students from the Elementary Honor Choir, Elementary Beginning Strings, Elementary Honor Band, Middle School Honor Band, High School All District Band, and the High School Combined Choir. The music will be wonderful and the admission is free.

Alliance for Public Education Town Hall meetings with new superintendent

The Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of West County organizations supporting the advancement of public education in our district, has announced two town hall meetings with the district's new superintendent, Dr. Gloria Johnston. The first will be held Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 1:00 pm at Kennedy High School (4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond) and the second on Tuesday, March 23 at

Juan Crespi Middle School (1121 Alhambra Ave., El Sobrante) at 7 pm. The public is warmly encouraged to attend and admission is free.

District, City of Hercules move forward

On March 24, California's State Locations Board (SAB) will decide the fate of the long-delayed Hercules Middle-High School. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is expected to recommend to the SAB funding for a baseline package which would allow construction of core school facilities to begin. On Tuesday, March 2 representatives of the WCCUSD, the City of Hercules, and other interested parties met informally in the offices of Assemblyman Tom Torlakson to discuss the status of the WCCUSD's effort to secure funding for the long-delayed Hercules Middle High School and how to best advocate for funding for a complete school including essential items like sports fields not included in the state's baseline package. Torlakson is coordinating an intensive advocacy effort toward this end. On March 3, the West County Mayor's and Supervisor's Association, composed of the Mayors of the five West County cities and Supervisor John Gioia, voted to communicate their support for this

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

The Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will be holding its "You Make A Difference" award ceremony on Thursday, March 18 at the Harding Elementary School Auditorium, 7230 Fairmont Avenue, El Cerrito at 7 pm. The public is invited to this event which honors individuals who have "made a difference" in the programs offered to the district's special education students.

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

March 29, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

SCRIP Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's or Lucky certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429.

March 11, Principal's Roundtable, 5 p.m., AHS Room 53

March 12-14, "Fiddler on the Roof," AHS Little Theater

March 16, Athletic Boosters, 7 p.m., AHS Room 49

March 19-21, "Fiddler on the Roof," AHS Little Theater

Albany Middle School

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Marin Elementary School

Marin PTA has voted to support the Parcel Tax Committee.

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March 11, PTA Meeting 7 p.m., Teachers' Lounge

Vista-MacGregor Primary School

SCRIP Sales: Wednesday mornings before school, or call Aelglin Lincoff at 524-5129.

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March 17, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., 1604 Solano Ave., Albany Office of Robert Cheasty

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AUSD Board of Education

March 23, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 524-5129

Redevelop

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tion. Blaming his own busy schedule, Bartke said "I think that we need at least another month." Bartke told the others that he would like to have the time "to get the report done right."

But others seemed to agree with

committee member Evelyn Kresen, who found the current FR report adequate. "It seems to read well — it doesn't have any sharp edges" Kresen explained. She said the current report could be "a little bit bland for my taste," and asked Bartke: "What more needs to be done?"

Committee co-chair Ann Delehunt said she has heard "rumors from the council that they would like

us to move on with it."

Delehunt said she was "nervous" that there is a "read on" and start looking at matters as the current budget.

"I think that if we were given the time that we can work with committee thinks we can make — we should progress with Delehunt explained.

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about what he called "somewhat misleading" footnotes.

Brown explained that staff never intended to be misleading, "and in the footnotes were simply trying to explain the November 1997 green-tint modification."

It was agreed that language clar-

ifying and explaining the modifications concerning the manager's residence would be to the footnotes.

The audit report was accepted by the council on a

Chamber

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gymnasium.

Members wishing to participate may send their donations to the ECHS's Grad Night Committee, El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Named club president

Soroptimist International of El

Cerrito, an Associate Member of the Chamber of Commerce, has selected local attorney Barbara Lanier to serve as president for the coming year.

Ms. Lanier is a member of the firm of Brown, Black and Lanier, which also holds membership in the Chamber.

Shadi honored again

Sundar Shadi, the El Cerrito Chamber's lone honorary member,

was the subject of a full-page profile in the January issue of In Sync Magazine, which honored East Bay seniors for leading well spent lives.

The article on Shadi, who was born almost 99 years ago, reported that his hillside yard had made him a West County celebrity "not so much for his plants as for an extravagant half-acre Christmas display that attracted thousands of visitors from 1949 to 1996, when failing eyesight forced him to retire.

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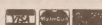
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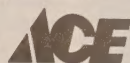
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Classes

The City of El Cerrito is continuing its lap and water aerobics swim schedule through April 30. Call 215-4376 for schedule, prices and additional information.

Vista Community College announces a one-day Introduction to Meeting Planning Class on March 13. The full-day class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Vista's downtown Berkeley building at 2020 Mivla St. Cost for California residents is \$6. Details:

call 841-8860 ex. 213.

Portraits and Places, watercolors by Susan Cornells exhibit will continue through May 17 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Details: 524-9283.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Figure Drawing: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. through March 17; Carol Brighton, instructor; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak

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Community

The North Berkeley Senior

Center, 1901 Hearst St., sponsors Bob Randolph on March 12 at 1 p.m. reading Old and New poetry. Also at the center is drop in bridge with Gailum at 9 a.m. Details, call 644-6107.

UC-Berkeley's radio station KALX is hosting its bi-annual Record Swap on Sunday March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buy, sell, or trade hard-to-find records, CDs, tapes, memorabilia, posters, videos, collector's items and more. The Swap will be held in the Pauley Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union. Admission is \$2. All proceeds go to benefit KALX. This event is hosted in conjunction with ASUC Superb. For more information

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Spotlight your business at Showcase 1999, the Greater Berkeley Tradeshow and Mixer, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at H's Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley marina. The time is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 948-7003 for more information.

Join Community Impact at this "Done-in-a-Day" volunteer project to bring the joy of reading to a group of 5-10 year olds March 18. To register or to volunteer call 965-0242.

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SMART project: the Alameda County Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of kinds of substance abuse day treatment, medical model day treatment, by calling 8802 and agreeing to do three individuals chosen for the study treatment at existing treatment facilities.

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PET TALK | Advertising Feature

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BY Dr. Allen A. Cesafsky, DVM

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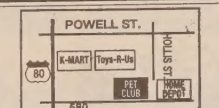
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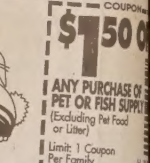


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Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No admission fee. Reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the County Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center offers support for emotional support for family and friends of women with cancer every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 548-9272 for more information. WCRC also meets Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 548-9272 for more information. Stress Reduction / Relaxation group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All groups meet at 3023 Shattuck.

Drug Beginnings - a chemical dependency treatment program at Doctors Medical Center in Pinole - offers community support group information, free assessments, education and counselors who can help with drug and alcohol dependency.

treatment and prevention. Call 724-1520 for information.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

Photographs and prints by Ricardo Gil, Seiko Tachibana, and David Wolf will be on exhibit through March 28 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Admission Street Windows, 2018 Adde-

son St., continues its exhibit "Of These No Elegy" through April 2. Artists talk are Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m. at 495 Embarcadero West and Washington.

Art in the Loft, 2599 8th St. # 41, presents hand-blown art glass by Christopher Roscoe and Arturo Ramos, functional art, jewelry and boxes by Susan Emerson and watercolors and hand-made cards by Lucy Emerson. Details: 848-7952.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., is featuring "Passages", 12 sculptors explore Explicit or Metaphorical Passages. The exhibit will run through April 18. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 525-7621 for details.

The East Bay Women Artists pre-

sented an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exhibit takes place at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Boulevard. Details call 339-0348.

The Albany Arts Committee presents "Portraits and Places", watercolors by Susan Cornelius, on exhibit through May 17, at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: call 524-9283.

"The You In Me 1999 College Campus Tour" presents its first annual multimedia exhibition of cross-cultural art and artists. The show will be held on UC-Berkeley campus between March 17 and 19. A reception, featuring various ethnic dishes on March 17 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A program by performing artists will begin at 7 p.m. The show will be open for viewing on March 18 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 357-0633.

"Art-On-Site", Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. through March 24; eight-week slide-

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Celloists Sukey Lilienthal and Gretchen Carlson will be featured at Sunday's concert.

Albany winter concert

The Albany Community Orchestra will present its Winter Concert on Sunday afternoon, March 14, at 2 p.m. in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany. The concert is free and open to the public. Featured performers will be cellists Sukey Lilienthal and Gretchen Carlson, who will play the "Concerto for Two Cellos and Strings" by Antonio Vivaldi. Under the direction of Ernest

Douglas, the orchestra will also perform the Bach "Fugue in G Minor," arranged for modern orchestra by Lucien Cailliet; the "Evening Prayer" and "Dream Pantomime" from Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel"; the fourth movement from the "Symphony #8" by Dvorak; and the "Rosenkavalier Waltzes" by Richard Strauss.

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How a music therapy major became chief of police

Linda M. Fellers was studying music therapy at the University of the Pacific when she took a part-time job with the sheriff's office. Now she is chief of police of the City of El Cerrito.

Chief Fellers says she had no intention of going into law enforcement. As noted, she was a music major. Strangely enough, she has discovered many music majors in law enforcement. Her husband, for one. It is not strange, then, that their children have been involved in music programs in school.

Born in the San Diego area, Fellers went to UOP because it was the only school in California that offered the music therapy program she wanted. "It was a great school," she says. She loved it, and much of the

course work, such as psychology and sociology, helped her in law enforcement.

It was the part time job with the sheriff's department that changed her life. She was a cadet. The intent was that this would be a training ground for people interested in law enforcement as a career. A plus was that they would work the job around her school classes. "It was very convenient for me to have a position that would let me work whenever I was available, even evenings and weekends."

She found that she really enjoyed the work. It was challenging and something she had never done before. So when an opportunity presented itself for a full-time position,

shortly after her graduation from college, she made an important decision. She took it.

In those days, she notes, they didn't even have women deputies. The majority of women worked in the women's jail. "And that's where they assigned me." She adds, "As I look back at it I don't know if I would be comfortable having young students doing what I did." She got on-the-job training, with some very good trainers. "They tried to keep us out of situations where there might be physical fights or the use of chemical agents. So, the first night she assisted with somebody who attempted suicide. They sent me with her to the hospital, to see that she didn't hurt herself."

A full time position for deputy sheriff opened after she turned 21 and was old enough to apply. "By that time I was pretty well hooked."

She remained with the department about 14 years, doing many different assignments, including patrol. As a matter of fact, she had a hand in the first assignment of women on patrol. She had discovered that a couple of men who were on the eligibility list below her had been hired before her. The reason given was that they didn't have an opening for a female deputy. They actually had separate lists, and men and women were tested separately. (Many police departments have positions for "police woman" which are different from "policeman"). She raised objections

to this discrimination, and they finally decided that the way to resolve this was to make room for new hires at the women's jail by transferring the first woman to patrol duty. "I was that first woman."

Patrol duty, some appearance in the courts, and regular assignments, then, to the time when she was a lieutenant and coordinated their information system. She knew nothing about computers, but that didn't stop her. It was a fascinating job, and she embarked on establishing a county-wide information system including all law enforcement agencies, courts, and jails. It was a great opportunity, she says, to branch out and make some contacts with other agencies that she knew nothing

Community

By Clara-Rae Gentry

about, but wanted to learn. She helped me move up and out of the department."

She applied for a position in the police department in 1985. One of their greatest needs was someone to bring their computer reference management system online, and she had very applied experience. They hired her as a captain. She stayed there for two years, during which time she had opportunity to manage some of their departments. "And that experience that stood me in good stead to apply for the position."

She speaks of good times at both departments, and also

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Arts events

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and their maid, wins the Princess and completes his tasks with verve. It is wonderfully and sinuously danced by the Marin Group led by the beautiful Maria Sander, and narrated in a wonderful European accent by a specially trained story teller. Costumes in gorgeous color help make the show riveting for both adults and children. The youth is played by Heidi Finser. The director, Dale Robinson, plays many parts. Other players are Marke Levene, Ana Cook and Barbara Neu-

and worth the visit. You will come back again, once you have seen it once. Details: 883-7007.

Documentary screening in EC

"The Farm: Angola, USA," a compelling documentary that chronicles a year in the lives of six inmates at Angola State Penitentiary, Louisiana, will be screened . March 28, at 3 p.m. at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. The film was winner of the 1998 Sundance Grand Jury Prize and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Feature Documentary. Screening will be followed by a discussion. Suggested donation of \$3-\$10 to cover costs, no one turned away. Details: 524-6654.

'Where There's Love'

The Baroque Choral Guild, under the direction of Mitchell Covington, presents a concert highlighting works of love and devotion from the 20th century on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant in Berkeley. "Where There's Love" will feature a cappella works by noted 20th century composers, including Mass for Two A Capella Choirs by Frank Martin; Ubi Caritas by Imant Raminsh; O magnum mysterium by Morten Lauridsen; and O sacrum convivium by Olivier Messiaen. All works are performed by the Guild Chorus and Cantabile Children's Chorus.

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Morris dance group at Zellerbach

Choreographer Mark Morris and

the Mark Morris Dance Group will bring the world premiere of a new Morris work set to Handel's "Dixit Dominus" to Cal Performances Thursday through Saturday, March 18-20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall. The dancers will be accompanied by musicians from Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeffrey Thomas, and the American Bach Soloists Choir, with soloists Christine Brandes, Jennifer Ellis, Stephanie Novacek, Philip Anderson and Robert Stafford. Dixit Dominus will not be seen anywhere else this season. Tickets are \$20, \$35 and \$45, and are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at 642-9988 to charge by phone; and at the door. Tickets are also available through all BASS outlets, and through BASS tickets at (510) 762-BASS. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students receive a \$2 discount. Details: 642-9988.

Women in science and mathematics

The Lawrence Hall of Science presents "Women in Science and Mathematics: A Day of Inspiration and Information for Middle and High School Students and Their Families," on Sunday to celebrate Women's History Month. The event features a guest panel and hands-on demonstrations by women in various fields of math and science, and is recommended for middle and high school students and their families. The panel discussion "When Will I Know Where I Am Going?" will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and includes educator Karen Mayfield-Ingram, scientist/administrator Mary Singleton, and U.C. Berkeley Professor Angelica Stacy. The panelists will discuss how they established their careers in science and math and the challenges and rewards they have experienced. Hands-on demonstrations are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. when attendees can meet

women in the field of biotechnology, paleontology, chromatography and health, among others. Admission: Adults, \$6; ages 7-18, senior citizens, students, disabled, \$4; ages 3-6, \$2. Parking is 50¢ per hour. LHS is also accessible by AC Transit. Details: 642-5132 or check www.lhs.berkeley.

U.S. premiere of British comedy

The Speakeasy, a Berkeley theater collective devoted to producing new plays and local premieres, will

cott-winning San Francisco author/illustrator Allen Say and young-adult author Rob Thomas.

The event includes presentation of literacy grants to seven winners whose proposals for promoting children's literacy were selected from more than 100 applicants. The grants provide a \$500 credit at an NCCBA member bookstore. Several of the 1999 winners will attend the dinner to accept their awards.

Tickets are \$45 for the Otter



Members of the Baroque Choral Guild and Cantabile Children's

present the U.S. premiere of "The Knocky," the hit British comedy/drama about the struggles and triumphs of life on a Birkenhead housing estate that runs five weeks, March 26 - May 2, at the Speakeasy Theatre in Berkeley.

The Speakeasy Theatre is at 2016 Seventh St. in Berkeley. Performances are March 26 to May 2, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$12; \$10 seniors, students, TBA members. Reservations: (925) 798-1300.

Event honors Dr. Seuss

The Northern California Children's Booksellers Association will honor legendary children's author and illustrator Dr. Seuss at its 12th annual Otter Dinner, Saturday, March 20, at Hs Lordship's Restaurant, on the Berkeley Marina. On hand to accept the posthumous award will be renowned children's editor Janet Schulman, Dr. Seuss's editor at Random House from 1978 to his death, in 1991.

The Otter Dinner (as in "kids otter read") is an annual occasion for the Bay Area children's book community to celebrate its innovative and diverse output.

In addition to Schulman, the program will feature remarks from Calde-

Dinner, which begins with a 6:30 p.m. no-host reception and includes a "goodie bag" of books and posters. Tickets are available at all NCCBA member stores. Details: (415) 282-8080.

Sing along with Mozart

Bella Musica invites you to a play/singalong of Mozart's requiem. It's your chance to sing in the chorus and sing with great Bay Area soloists on Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St. Scores will be provided if needed. Soloists: Miriam Abramowitsch, Alto; Marcel Dronkers, soprano; Craig Knudsen, Tenor.

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Chorale performs Verdi and Puccini

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Class Acts: Sure, there's plenty wrong with radio and TV today, and we try to cover it (especially the local angle) here. But there are also some prominent media people who are class acts and who shouldn't be overlooked.

People like KTVU news director Fred Zehnder and KCBS Radio morning man Al Hart. They're two of the most decent people you'll ever meet; their intelligence and talent are a bonus. And both men have enriched Bay Area broadcasting for years.

It was announced last week on his 65th birthday that Zehnder will retire at the end of May after 21 years at KTVU. Fred's retirement was foreseen, and one-time KCBS producer Andy Finlayson has been groomed to succeed him. Big shoes to fill. You can succeed the Oakland station's classy news director, but you'll never replace Fred. Zehnder has proven that quality (a first-rate, intelligent newscast) can be paired with quantity (good Nielsen's). Now, I've been around newsrooms, TV and are often full of cynicism, jealousy, angst, bitterness at management, and (especially in the case of TV) overweening ambition. I had the privilege of briefly working at KTVU news, and I never heard an unkind word about the teddy-bearish Fred Zehnder. Come to think of it, in 16 years covering Bay Area TV, I've yet to hear a single negative comment about Zehnder anywhere. Not one. This is remarkable. More on Zehnder in an upcoming column.

KCBS's Hart is the same kind of person, a throwback to broadcasting's classier days. I met the low-key radio news anchor the other day in Healdsburg for lunch (where Hart was performing in a Radio Conservatory drama). Zehnder's departure had just been announced, and I asked the genial 71-year-old newsman and East Bay resident about recurring rumors about his own retirement. "Why should I retire?" smiled Hart. "I'm having way too much fun."

Hart's favorite morning newspaper? "The Wall Street Journal," the lanky Minnesota native replied quickly. "That is, if you can ignore that editorial page," he laughed. Did Hart watch any of the dreary Walters-Lewinsky sweeps/book-promotion

gimmick? "Not even a minute," smiles Hart, shaking his head. He adds diplomatically, "I have to get up at 3:30, so I'm usually in bed by 8." (Hart BARTs in to KCBS' Embarcadero One studios most mornings).

The Bay Area's top-rated radio personality keeps such a low profile that he wasn't once recognized in the North Bay restaurant. That's just fine for the self-effacing newsman, one of the most decent people in the business.

One More Classy Guy: You may be DiMaggio'd-out by now, but allow me one quick personal — and, I hope, revealing — reminiscence about the legendary baseball star.

In 1987 I played a round of golf at the Presidio Golf Club as the guest of Cable Oakland's then-owner. I knew DiMaggio played there often. But even knowing that, later, when we were changing clothes for dinner, I was startled when I looked across the aisle and 20 feet from me, standing silently and without a stitch of clothing on, was the Yankee Clipper.

Two thoughts, both embarrassingly superficial, struck me. One was how old and tired-looking this once-magnificent athlete looked. I wondered how I'd look in my mid-70s. (Probably not as good as good). My second thought: This was a man who had actually made love to Marilyn Monroe! Call it testosterone poisoning, but I grew up in the '60s, MM's heyday, and she was hot stuff to a teenage boy. DiMaggio stood there, silently, at least five minutes, looking ahead blankly.

There was an unmistakable sadness in his eyes. Several club members walked by DiMaggio's locker, but not one stopped to chat with the living legend. A few said a perfunctory, "Hi, Joe" as they walked by, never breaking stride.

DiMaggio only nodded.

Later, I asked one of the members about this strange scene I'd witnessed. Was DiMaggio just being

unsociable? "Not at all," the golfer smiled. "Joe just wants to be left alone, and we respect that." That started me thinking: Can you imagine what it must have been like to be the biggest sports star in New York? How many autographs must have been demanded of him? How many pushy reporters had asked Joe personal questions? DiMaggio had endured enough human contact to last several lifetimes. Almost incongruously, he remained a private man, even in the blinding spotlight of being what USA Today this week called "the ultimate celebrity." I'd thought briefly of introducing myself to DiMaggio that day at the Presidio. Even now that he's gone, I'm glad I didn't.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: A question I'm often by East Bay readers is: "How long can Gary Radnich keep this up?" "This" being the popular sportscaster's grueling regimen of doing a late-night Sunday sports show at KRON-TV and then, less than six hours later, hosting a morning talk show on KNBR/Bay-TV. Not too long, I figured, so I asked Bay-TV exec Janette Gitler about this at breakfast last week. Gitler: "The first thing you have to know about Gary is that he loves being on camera. It energizes him. Also, he gets four hours' sleep before his morning show. Then, after the show, he goes home and gets another four hours. That's eight hours of sleep. I think he'll be OK," said the smiling Gitler, a former KPIX and KQED producer who's almost as tireless as Radnich... The Quiet Axe: Talented veteran KBLX veteran air personality Trish Bell, who's been at the Berkeley station for five years, got a phone call at home the other day at home informing her that she was no longer needed at "The Quiet Storm." That's because the urban station — it's owned by Percy Sutton, the same guy who owns the Apollo Theatre — has begun automating its week-

Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

ends. Charming ... More radio-consolidation news: Troubled Chancellor Broadcasting (K-101, KMEL, KABL, etc., etc.) now owns 465 radio stations. Clear Channel Communications, which is rumored to be wooing Chancellor, owns a "mere" 450. If Clear Channel does buy Chancellor, even after selling off some outlets, it'll still control about 800 radio stations. And who, besides its shareholders, does this benefit? ... More radio-consolidation news: A story in big radio trade publication Radio and Records this week says the practice of using a handful of DJ's on numerous music stations around the country will soon be commonplace... Anyone else notice the similarity between the new DeNiro/Crystal film "Analyze This" and HBO's "The Sopranos," a series that debuted two months ago and is also about a mobster who sees a shrink? It brings to mind that old truism about there being more Xerox machines in Hollywood than typewriters. Need further proof? Coming soon: Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn in "The Out of Towners." Maybe Martin feels that Jack Lemmon's earlier performance just wasn't quite up to snuff.

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@aol.com)

Events

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p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., in Richmond Heights. The soloist will be Michael Cull, tenor, and the organist will be Larry Marietta. The Choral is directed by Richard Karma.

Suggested donations are adults \$12.50; students, seniors, disabled are \$10. Tickets are available at the door or more information phone 527-2026.

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Opinion

Around Town

By Chris Treadway

Where do you dine out with the kids?

On the day Chevy's Restaurant closed at the Plaza late last year, a group of "regulars" gathered to give the place a fitting burial. Why, I asked one, did this group be so sentimental about Chevy's? After all, the quality of the food at Chevy's wasn't what it was 12 years earlier. "It's the only place you can take the kids," was the response. I had a point. Dining out with young children is a challenge for parents, and most of the places where kids are welcomed tend to be of the fast-food variety. Chevy's was an excellent restaurant where parents could both dine at home without disrupting other patrons and without going to the over-the-top atmosphere of, say, Chuck E. Cheese (something better enjoyed in smaller doses). That raises the question: What to put to parents out there? Where do you go out for a nice meal when your kids are still young and restless enough that the noise would be unacceptable at a serious restaurant? A lot of parents would be happy to try your ideas.

You may have noticed press accounts last week about the plan to introduce 10-digit dialing in the Bay Area, meaning everyone would be required to punch in three extra numbers even on phone calls within their own area code. There's sure to be plenty of outcry over that (it wasn't too long ago that the 415 area code covered the entire Bay Area), but you might as well get used to it, said Lou Rosas, East Bay external affairs manager for Pacific Bell. Because of the explosion in business and residential phone lines to serve growing populations and uses (as well as the requirement that numbers in blocks of 10,000 be assigned to any requesting telecommunications firm with at least 150 customers) the 10-digit concept will ultimately be phased in statewide. Rosas, a former Concord mayor, by the way, made his remarks in a talk last week to El Cerrito Rotarians ... Pacific Bell, incidentally, is putting up \$3,000 as a sponsor of EC's annual golf tournament at Mira Vista Country Club benefitting the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund ...

AROUND TOWN: Albany's Memorial Park is the object of a makeover proposal, but some space thinkers it works as it is with a few adjustments. Some changes are desirable (the removal of the merrily-go-round and the pending removal of the merry-go-round). Others are unnecessary (the relocation of the play areas). How about installing a drinking fountain by the main play area? Some of the grounds are overgrown. A park patron sprained her ankle on a pothole disguised as part of the lawn?

From the responses we've received to date, the jury is still out on the redesigned Journal. I consider it much more important that others feel it's too ugly. Give it some time. Let us work out all the kinks. Photos of columnists returning soon, for example, so you won't have to go so hard for that favorite photo. Working out the kinks would also apply to El Cerrito's street sweeping problem. Beth Bartke of the Community Services Division inundated with calls in the past weeks of the problem from residents afraid they would be ticketed if their car parked on the street on their designated day for sweeping (no sweeping, but try and move your car). The calls have been adjusted to try and prevent areas that receive an influx of on-street parking during the day. Last week, for example, the city was making its rounds in neighborhoods near El Cerrito High School as students arrived.

AND FINALLY, Lori Dair, still exiled back East, forwards "the funniest Y2K joke on the Internet":

Y-to-K Date Change Project Status

Our staff has completed the 18 months of work on time and on budget. We have gone through every line of code in every program in every system. We have analyzed all databases, all data files, including backups and historic archives, and modified all data to reflect the change. We are proud to report that we have completed the "Y-to-K" date change mission, and have now implemented all changes to all programs and all data to reflect your new standards:

Januark, Februark, March, April, Mak, June, Julk, August, September, October, November, December

As well as:
Sundak, Mondak, Tuesdak, Wednesdak, Thursdak, Fridak, Saturdak

I trust that this is satisfactory, because to be honest, none of this Y-to-K problem has made any sense to me. But I understand it is a global problem, and our team is glad to help in any way possible.

And what does the year 2000 have to do with it? Speaking of which, what do you think we ought to do next year when the two digit year rolls over from 99 to 00?

We'll await your direction.

CORRECTION

In the March 4 edition of The Journal, a story about the Albany City Council reported a proposed park ordinance would close all city parks "from 5 a.m. in the morning until 10 p.m. at night." The story should have read "from 10 p.m. at night until 5 a.m. in the morning." We apologize for any confusion the error may have created.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Scoops for Schools' is April 18

The Albany Education Foundation has received numerous inquiries as to the date for its annual ice cream social, "Scoops for Schools." We would like the community to know that the event is scheduled for Sunday, April 18 from 1-5 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany.

Instead of a fund-raiser, AEF board members and volunteers are working hard to make this year's event an opportunity to thank the community for its support of AEF grant-making and fund raising. The program will feature music by various groups who have received AEF grants, interviews about other projects funded this year, displays of art work made possible by AEF grants, displays and demonstrations of equipment purchased with AEF grant funds, and other ways to illustrate to the community the importance of their support for AEF.

This year's event will also mark the official end of AEF's 1998-99 campaign to raise \$50,000 to "Put Albany's Schools on Top!" We are nearing our goal, but there is still time for anyone who has not yet donated to the campaign to send their check to AEF, 1320 Solano Avenue, Suite 102, Albany, CA 94706.

We look forward to this opportunity to acknowledge community support for AEF and Albany schools. There will be no charge for admission or ice cream. Any voluntary donations will, of course, be gratefully accepted. Our sincere thanks to the citizens of Albany and the local and area businesses who have given so generously to AEF year.

Sally Outis
AEF president

Who's imposing whose values?

Journalist and Clinton apologist Martin Snapp, in his article (Journal, Feb. 18), used the personal smear tactic to vilify House Republicans, no doubt for having the temerity to impeach Clinton.

He calls Republicans "scary" for basically standing up for morality and upholding constitutional law and liberties.

At bottom, most of Snapp's smears are based on the implied notion that Republicans are trying to impose their moral values on America, an oft repeated liberal mantra. But to believe this mantra is to ignore America's religious roots.

For the fact is, it is not the Republicans who are imposing their moral values on America, for these values are already engrained in American culture. Rather it is the liberal democrats who are trying to usurp these traditional values and impose their own anti-religious ethic of permissiveness and political correctness.

Scary? Yes, it is scary to realize that from the Democrat's liberal ethic of permissiveness flows crime in the streets, corrupt politicians and lying presidents; from the liberal ethic of political correctness flows big government and a whole host of curtailment of constitutional liberties. So it is not the Republicans that scare me — it is the thought of the liberal Democrats gaining power again that is scary.

Isaac Swartz
El Cerrito

Death penalty offers no healing for victims

Threat and use of the death penalty advises people that revenge heals, reaches closure, is fair — one death for another; all absurd tautologies. Victims and their agonized loved ones never heal, never reach closure, never are helped by the criminal's death. How do we know? Ask them. Read their stories on the front pages of our papers.

Society is helped by locking criminals away, permanently. A letter to the editor after Siripong's execution said "This murderer can never kill again," oh yes, "this double murderer."

Had he been sentenced to life without parole, in an institution that properly contained and controlled criminals, he then would never kill again, too.

I look forward to our media rejecting their increasing use of those lying ideas: finding closure, healing, exacting justice (by states' murder of murderers). People don't heal from the horror perpetrated on them by criminal acts. Justice is not cre-

ated by the death penalty.

The choice is to seek elimination of criminal acts by us against us through building societies that work well for all of us. Individual acts of revenge do not approach the problem.

Norma J. F. Harrison
Berkeley

Life, liberty and pursuit of Bay islands

One billion dollars for a new ferry system of boats up and down the bay? NO! NO! NO! What a stupid idea!

What we need is to get rid of the eco freaks and their new religious dogma of "Humans must suffer for their eco sins." 90 percent of our adults and 100 percent of our children are brainwashed. They believe that animals and open space are more important than human life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Human rights, property rights, privacy rights don't matter. It took our European ancestors 2,500 years to develop our Constitution and we are on the verge of destroying it in 200 years. We have accomplished the impossible. We have every race, every religion, every type of human culture all living together. Everybody on earth wants to live here. We spend billions of dollars trying to keep people out.

Our strength, our future, and our happiness is our freedom. We must adhere to our constitution. If individuals want to develop a ferry boat company and transport more people than we do now across the bay, fine. It's great, let 'em do it. But no public funds should be spent because eco freaks don't want any more highways, bridges, or tunnels.

We have 6-1/2 million people in the bay area. We have enough roads for 2 million. This doesn't compute. We need 10 more bay crossings. We need 10 more north-south highways. We need 10 more east-west highways and tunnels. Let's get started!

We can start by not replacing the eastern leg of the Bay Bridge. The earthquake proved that it was stable. One small support was not in position and one small part dropped to the bottom level. We fixed it. We checked all of the other supports. The bridge is fine. Leave it alone.

Let's use this money to build a tunnel. We need 10 tunnels across the bay. Let's get started! Are we going to set around with gridlock on our roads? Are we going to allow eco freaks to say we must save the animals, the trees, and the swamps and stop us from building homes for our children and children?

The truth is that we have more animals, trees, and public land now than we had 100 years ago, but the eco freaks have brainwashed us with continuous lies. Eco freaks say California is all blacktop. The truth is that California is only 1/4th of 1 percent blacktop and we are only 4-1/2 percent developed. We are 95 percent open space. The eco freaks keep going with their lies of fear every day. California is 59 percent Government owned. This is tyranny! Never should Government own more than 20 percent of our land. We are a government of the people. The Government land pays no taxes and it requires tax money to maintain.

Look at the beautiful gardens and trees that humans have planted. Eco freaks don't trust humans. They want Government control. To hell with human rights. Eco freaks are guilty of socialist greed. They want their eco religious dogma to rule. The hell with human rights. The hell with personal property rights. We must have freedom of religion, we must have free speech, we must have property rights.

We can solve the bay crossing problem right now with freedom. The tunnel-island plan is a good one. We can have more bay crossings at the same time we can build homes for 500,000 people. This plan is to develop 31 residential islands on the bay. Ail with 100 percent private funds. The developers, 31 different groups, will each build an island in the bay. These developers will use bay mud and Angel Island for fill. Angel Island would be leveled and developed into a regional park, half park and half homes. The developers would be given the land and the fill mud for free. The only stipulation would be that the developers build tunnels across the bay, and the developers create the 10 tunnels that cross the bay and they form different companies to maintain the tunnels and charge tolls. These tunnels would be owned and operated by private companies which we would tax.

Sidney Steinberg
Berkeley

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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Gauchos spectacular season

El Cerrito is NCS Div. III champion

By Mike McGreehan

By any measurement, the 1998-99 El Cerrito High School boys basketball team has produced a season to remember.

The Gauchos enjoyed a strong pre-season, dominated the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League regular season, then won the ACCAL Super Power Division playoff championship.

Along the way, El Cerrito defeated perennial Division I powerhouse St. Joseph twice and coasted into the North Coast Section playoffs.

El Cerrito continued its hoop saga in both spectacular and convincing fashion last weekend.

On Saturday, the Gauchos won the NCS Division III championship by beating Acalanes 71-59 at Berkeley High.

On Sunday, El Cerrito's unforgettable season became even more special when it received the No. 1 seed for this week's Northern California Regional playoffs.

The Gauchos wrote another chapter in their remarkable 1998-99 saga Tuesday night by beating Oakmont-Roseville 65-45 in NorCal quarterfinal play at Berkeley High (see related story).

This season, El Cerrito became the standard by which all other Division III boys basketball programs in the area measured themselves. Acalanes, for instance, awaited a showdown with the Gauchos all season.

That showdown became reality Saturday. Though the Dons still advanced to the NorCal playoffs despite their loss, they found they still weren't quite at the level of the Gauchos.

Not that the Dons played badly. Acalanes held its own for three-fourths of the game. Basketball games, though, have four quarters.

Air Gauchos

El Cerrito played as well as one would



EL CERRITO'S Andrew Gooden fires a shot over Acalanes Matt Tiechmann.

expect of a high school team in the first, second and fourth quarters.

The third quarter, though, was another story as the Gauchos took their game to a higher stratosphere.

"We played really well in the third

quarter in the past two games," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber, who has now coached three Gauchos teams to the Nor-

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El Cerrito hoops on the edge of history at NorCals

Huber hoping third time's a charm

By Peter Mentor

A little bit of luck, a lot of talent and one heck of a team. El Cerrito boys basketball coach Chris Huber knows what it takes to get to the CIF State Championship game, he's just never been there.

The veteran Gaucho coach has had three teams in the last decade make it as far as the Northern California semifinals, but never beyond.

There was the 1989 team that finished 29-3 and lost to Skyline in the NorCal Division I semifinals. Then there was the 1994 team that reached the NorCal Div. II semifinals, only to finish at 26-6 with a loss to St. Francis.

This year the Gauchos (29-3) are in Div. III and are two wins away from reaching the state finals. They play San Mateo tonight at 6 in the NorCal semifinals at Berkeley High in a double-header with the Berkeley High girls team.

The Yellowjackets get top billing in this show and why not? They have been to the Big Dance and won it. They have been there and lost. They are also two games away from another trip to the state finals, with a game tonight against Castlemont (22-5). The point is, Berkeley has been there and El Cerrito has not.

It isn't exactly like the Gauchos haven't been close, but none of the present players on this team were in high school when El Cerrito was this good.

Special moment

Huber has seen great teams. He knows his players cannot appreciate just how good you have to be to get this far.

"They don't know how close they are and how difficult it is," said Huber on

You only get this opportunity once or twice in your life — if you are lucky.

Chris Huber, EC basketball coach

Tuesday night, after his team battered Oakmont (21-11) of Roseville, 65-45 in the first round at Berkeley High. "There are 20 boys and girls teams left in all of Northern California tonight, and there will be only 10 left after Thursday. The odds of that happening, of getting this far, are small.

"They have to realize that and not to hold anything back. You only get this opportunity once or twice in your life — if you are lucky. There is a lot of luck involved."

Luck and skill

Huber said his team didn't play particularly well in the NorCal opener against Oakmont, but things went their way. It's all part of that thing called luck.

El Cerrito led Oakmont by 10 after one quarter and it was the same margin at halftime, but it could have been half of that if not for a little luck.

"In the first quarter Billy Hill threw a shot three quarters of the floor and got a long three," said Huber of the desperation shot. "In the second quarter (Oakmont) had the ball with 4.8 seconds. We got a deflection and a steal, then Billy Hill got a layup at the buzzer. It's a 10-point lead instead of five. That's a nice cushion."

Skill had a part in the outcome as well.

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Jackets right at home in NorCal playoffs

Berkeley faces Castlemont tonight

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley is having a lot of fun playing in front of the home crowd.

After winning the North Coast Section Division I championship Saturday over Monte Vista and getting the No. 2 seed in the Northern California playoffs, the Jackets have the home court advantage until the finals.

The NorCal finals are Saturday at 6 p.m. in Sacramento and Berkeley plans to be there.

First Berkeley (25-5) has to win tonight against Oakland Section champion Castlemont (22-5) in the semifinals at 8 p.m.

The game is at Berkeley High and is

a double-header with the El Cerrito boys Div. III semifinal game at 6 p.m. preceding it.

The Jackets had little trouble handling St. Ignatius High (22-7), beating the Wildcats, 74-46, in the first round of NorCals Tuesday night at Berkeley High.

Berkeley ran out to a 20-9 lead in the first quarter and it was 42-15 by halftime.

The lead climbed to 33 points by the end of the third quarter and after that it was party time.

Berkeley was voracious on the boards, grabbing 36 rebounds to only 23 for St. Ignatius. The Jackets also forced 26 turnovers.

Roberson steps up

The star of this game was Aisha Holmans, who had 19 points, but there was a great effort from Robin Roberson, who

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Berkeley boys season to remember



BERKELEY'S Jason Holman (35) reaches up and over O'Dowd's Justin Logan during Friday nights NCS semifinal game at Contra Costa College.

Jackets fall to Dragons in NCS semifinals

By Mike McGreehan

For Berkeley High School, the 1998-99 boys basketball season was a most memorable one.

The Yellowjackets played superbly, going 14-0 record in East Bay Athletic League play and winning 22 games overall to reach the semifinals of the North Coast Section Division I playoffs against Bishop O'Dowd on Friday night at Contra Costa College.

A packed house greeted both teams and emotions ran high throughout the contest.

Berkeley was a quality team. A confident team. But the third-seeded Yellowjackets knew they would have to be at their best against second-seeded O'Dowd, a team that plays at a level unseen in EBAL competition.

The Jackets did play well in stretches. But O'Dowd had the final say, using a strong fourth quarter to earn an 80-59 win and a berth in Saturday's championship final against De La Salle.

Undefeated De La Salle beat St. Joseph 44-42 Friday to reach the final. De La Salle (29-0) after beating Lincoln-San Francisco on Tuesday) squeaked by O'Dowd 41-39 for the NCS title one night later.

A physical game

Berkeley (22-6) played much better than the final score would indicate. Though the Yellowjackets never led, they managed to keep the game close until the middle of the fourth quarter.

"We played hard, but they just played really aggressive," Berkeley coach Stelton Mitchell said of the Dragons. "There were times when we had runs. But, all in all, O'Dowd played a great game."

Fouls and foul-shooting played a big role. Berkeley went to the line 11 times

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Berkeley's B game enough for NCS title

Jackets trounce Monte Vista, advance in NorCals

By Scott Strain

The No. 1-seeded Berkeley girls basketball team was all revved up to play second-seeded Campolindo Saturday night in the North Coast Section Division I championship game.

But a funny thing happened to the Cougars on their way to the title game: The Cougars lost to Monte Vista 50-44 in

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Panthers lose their way against San Rafael

St. Mary's boys, girls ousted in NCS

Staff report

After winning its first two North Coast Section playoff games last Tuesday and Thursday, the St. Mary's High School boys basketball team advanced to the Division IV semifinals Friday night to face top-seeded San Rafael High in Larkspur.

The Panthers led 25-10 at halftime, then inexplicably saw victory slip away as San Rafael roared back for a 50-44 win.

"(Having a big lead) can be very dangerous sometimes," said St. Mary's coach Jose Caraballo. "I told our team at halftime that we hadn't won anything yet and not to let down. But we did."

St. Mary's (17-13) used pressure defense to give San Rafael fits in the first half.

But San Rafael broke the Panthers' press in the second half, going on a 17-4 run in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs went ahead in the fourth quarter, but St. Mary's managed to tie it up again at 35-35.

That would be St. Mary's last hurrah, as San Rafael controlled the rest of the contest. San Rafael went on to beat No. 2 Cardinal Newman 43-38 for the championship Saturday night.

Kellen Dixon led the Panthers with 18 points. James Harris added 10 and Victor Venters six. Ebon Glenn and Dashawn Freeman scored four points apiece. Lorenzo Alexander sank a pair of free throws.

Despite its loss, St. Mary's took an impressive route to the semifinal.

After beating first-round opponent Kelseyville 88-52 last Tuesday, St. Mary's advanced to second-round play two days later to face Sir Francis Drake in San Anselmo.

Defense played a big role for the Panthers, who earned their ticket to the semifinal with a 50-37 win.

Drake led 22-20 at halftime, and the score was tied 30-30 going into the fourth quarter.

St. Mary's, however, held the Pirates scoreless for nearly the first four minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Panthers, meanwhile, established a 38-30 lead and never looked back.

Glenn scored a game-high 16 points and Venters added 10 more. Freeman finished with eight points, Dixon seven, Alexander four, Harris three and Stephen Briggs two.

St. Mary's girls

The Panthers advanced to the second round of the NCS Division IV playoffs before losing 56-30 to third-seeded Ursuline last Thursday.

Spring Harris led St. Mary's (21-9) with 11 points. Celeste McGruder added seven and Rosie Aikens four. Heidi Spurgeon, Desira English, Joslyn Shelton and Chantel Cain finished with two points apiece.

Ursuline lost 50-48 to No. 2 Cloverdale in Friday's semifinal. Top-seeded Holy Names, St. Mary's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League rival, then beat Cloverdale 45-30 for the NCS championship Saturday night.

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and made nine attempts. O'Dowd was 27-of-32 from the charity stripe.

As the total of 43 free-throw attempts suggests, the game had both a physical and emotional edge from start to finish.

Late in the first quarter, Jason Holman and O'Dowd's Derek Lambeth were whistled for double fouls after physical play away from the ball. Holman continued to hound Lambeth as O'Dowd tried to inbound the ball and got slapped with a technical. Jason Silva hit one of two free throws to open a 15-9 lead for O'Dowd.

With 2:16 left in the game, William Watkins got whistled for fouling Lambeth away from the ball. Watkins was livid as he left the court, but received no technical. Lambeth buried both his free throws for a 70-54 lead, which only added to the displeasure of Berkeley fans.

At this time, game officials asked police on duty to quell a section of the crowd that had become very vocal in expressing its displeasure. Though there had been no violence, the officials hoped to head off trouble before it could start. Mitchell also walked across the court to help ease the tension. The game finished and the crowd dispersed without further incident.

Headaches

For Mitchell and his players,

Berkeley, however, came out with

though, their biggest headaches came on the floor. The Jackets had trouble containing O'Dowd's Garry Hill-Thomas, who burned Berkeley inside for nine baskets. Hill-Thomas also buried all eight of his free throws to finish with a game-high 26 points.

Of course, the Jackets could not focus completely on Hill-Thomas, as Lambeth added 18 more for the Dragons. And on those occasions when O'Dowd moved the ball out of the paint, Silva scorched the Jackets for 12 points, including three 3-pointers.

But Berkeley held tough for most of the game. O'Dowd got up by as many as six points in the first quarter, but a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Watkins cut the Jackets' deficit to 15-12 at the end of the period.

O'Dowd looked to make a move in the second quarter, going up 32-23 with 1:36 to go in the half. The Jackets twice managed to cut that lead to five before halftime, but O'Dowd always seemed to have an answer.

With 10 seconds to go, Silva hit a trey from the right corner for a 37-29 lead. Nine seconds later, Silva tried again from beyond the arc. This time, Kaylin Thornton got a hand on Silva's shot, which veered far from its mark as the buzzer sounded.

But to everyone's surprise, especially Thornton's, the referee called a foul, sending Silva to the line for three shots. Silva made two of them, sending the Dragons into the half with a seemingly comfortable 39-29 lead.

Renewed vigor

Berkeley, however, came out with

renewed vigor to start the second half. Perry Pugh hit a pair of free throws, and Thornton scored two baskets as the Jackets accounted for six of the first eight points after the break.

As Berkeley seemed to get back on track, O'Dowd went icy both from the floor and the free-throw line. When Pugh scored with 4:19 left in the third quarter, the Jackets had sneaked back to within four points at 43-39.

Then the Dragons began to get warmer. Hill-Thomas buried four free throws on two consecutive trips to the line to more than negate a trey by Thornton in between. When Silva hit a trey with 45 seconds left in the period, the Dragons had a 52-44 lead.

But Silva wasn't finished. He nailed another 3-pointer with four seconds to go to send O'Dowd into the fourth quarter leading 55-46.

Berkeley, though, wasn't ready to just fold up tent. When Holman hit a jumper from the top of the key, the Jackets were back within five at 57-52 with 6:20 to go in the contest.

But Berkeley wouldn't get any closer. O'Dowd's Tony Champion responded with his only two baskets of the contest. He also pulled down a pair of key defensive rebounds in this stretch to further frustrate the Jackets.

When Hill-Thomas scored on a tip-in with 4:40 to go, the Dragons opened a 63-52 lead. When Ryan Madry hit a trey for O'Dowd less than a minute later, the Jackets' hopes seemed to disappear in the face of a 66-52 deficit.

With less than 10 seconds to go,

Hill-Thomas punctuated the game with a thunderous slam dunk. O'Dowd's final margin of victory was 66-52.

Berkeley, despite its loss, closed the book on a most successful 1998-99 campaign.

"We had a good season," Mitchell, moments after the game, said. "I was disappointed in the way we played, but I was proud of the way we fought."

Pugh finished with 18 points, the Jackets' swan song with 15 high 15 points. Thornton scored 12, and Watkins had nine more.

David Doubly, thanks to a seven-point performance by Austin Nichols five, Mark Madsen and Jason McGlaughlin.

In addition to Doubly's Nichols, Pugh and Thornton scored one time apiece from the arc.

Nathan Dahl and Thompson also saw action. Dahl, with Dahl blocking a shot by Pugh.

First round

Berkeley advanced to the game after beating first-round opponent Pittsburg 94-61 last Wednesday.

Watkins scored 18 points, Pugh 13 and Thornton 12.

Harris added eight points. Thompson chipped in seven, man, Zillion Cash, Dougie Alexander each had four.

Louis Riordan added a 3-point shot and Dahl a lone 2-point basket.

Berkeley led 26-10 after the first quarter, then had the game safety with a 50-20 halftime lead.

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Aisha Hollans. The Berkeley star was saddled with early foul trouble and spent long stretches on the bench.

Berkeley, the No. 2 seed behind Mitty of San Jose in the Northern California Regionals, defeated St. Ignatius of San Francisco 74-46 in the first round of the NorCals on Tuesday night at Berkeley High. The Yellowjackets play No. 3 seed Cloverdale tonight at home at 7:30.

McGlaughlin shines

"We played good enough to win," coach Gene Nakamura said. "They (Monte Vista) came out and were determined to run with us. We weren't playing our 'A' game."

"It seemed like we were flat, but we met the challenges and when people got into foul trouble I had to sit them down and the bench people came in and did a great job."

Hollans finished with 15 points,

but the big story was Erica McGlaughlin who also had 15. McGlaughlin picked up the slack offensively and played tremendous pressure defense against the Monte Vista guards, harrying them into numerous turnovers.

"We had to show them that we could play even when Aisha is shut down," McGlaughlin said. "We had to come out and play hard and with all our ability tonight."

Unlike most games, Berkeley started out slow and just kept on grinding. The Yellowjackets scored just 26 points in the first half on some terrible shooting, but the Mustangs shot even worse, scoring just 15.

Berkeley didn't put together a long run until late in the game, when it outscored Monte Vista 10-0 in the fourth quarter to cap the victory.

"I knew my team would step up regardless of whether I was playing well or not," Hollans said. "I got some real quick fouls which I shouldn't have picked up at all. I wasn't playing very good defense tonight. My teammates picked up the slack and everybody was playing well."

Hollans admitted it was hard to get up against a team Berkeley beat twice already by substantial margins.

"I know Monte Vista was good and I know Campolindo was good and I was a little shocked that Campo had lost," said Hollans. "We had to play Monte Vista, but I wasn't expecting them (the Mustangs) to play the type of game that would beat Campolindo."

"It an awkward feeling to play a team three times; you can't get hyped up when you beat them by so much and I think that is what happened here tonight."

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El Cerrito went on a 17-9 run in the third quarter to put the game out of reach. Oakmont was unable to do much against the Gauchos in the fourth quarter, which resulted in a 20-point loss.

Devoted players

Part of the Gauchos luck was having players who have been with the program all four years. The entire team is made up of guys who live in El Cerrito and have been at El Cerrito High for their entire high school careers. The only exception is Hill, who transferred his sophomore year,

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Cal semifinals. "We stepped up defensively and put pressure on them."

El Cerrito and No. 3 Acalanes played evenly for most of the first half. Acalanes got off to a quick start and led by as many as five points in the first quarter. The second quarter, which began with the Dons still ahead 16-14, saw several lead changes.

But when Jovan Harris scored four straight points on two free throws and a drive through the lane, the Gauchos went ahead to stay, 27-23, with less than a minute to go in the half. Harris finished with a game-high 21 points.

Still, El Cerrito couldn't afford to let up, as Acalanes' Roger Curtis nailed a 3-pointer at the other end to bring his team back to within one point.

El Cerrito wasn't finished, though, as Emonte Jernigan beat the buzzer with a trey of his own to give the Gauchos a 30-26 halftime cushion.

After the break, Jernigan began the second half the way he ended the first - with another 3-pointer. This one opened a 33-26 lead and began a 19-2 run that allowed El Cerrito to

but didn't play varsity until this year as a junior.

There are four players who make up the core of this El Cerrito team. Andrew Gooden, who scored a game-high 26 points in the opener, is the marquee player. The 6-9 Gooden is headed to Kansas on a full ride scholarship.

But even Gooden, like teammates Jovan Harris, Emonte Jernigan and Jeremiah King, played on the lower level for a year before moving up to varsity.

Harris has been a huge factor on offense. He scored 21 points against Oakmont, giving El Cerrito's two top scorers more points than the opposition.

Jernigan scored seven, but his defense and all-around play are in-

valuable. The same can be said for King, who has quietly played his position of point guard at a high level.

"Jeremiah King has taken his role of point guard seriously," said Huber. "He handles the defensive pressure for us. It's luck to have all four kids for four years."

Then you have guys like Hill, who may not put up the big numbers, but find a way to contribute in a big way. The role players on this team have accepted their positions and have made it possible for El Cerrito to get this far.

Tonight's game

Huber said San Mateo (28-2) is a very good basketball team. "They have one good player who does it all," he said. "We have to find a way

to stop him, to double-team him, and make some key plays to hurt us."

If there is one thing on El Cerrito's side it may be a relative lack of fatigue compared to San Mateo.

The Gauchos have come from Berkeley High the last time (in the related story) and the Oakmont trip from El Cerrito to BHS is 15 minutes on a bad day and two teams have not forced out a sweat from the Gauchos.

San Mateo had to travel to North Section winner Elgin High (18-11) in Redding on Tuesday night. Tonight the trip is not so long, but it is still a ride from San Mateo to Berkeley.

Jackets

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went 8-for-10 shooting for 18 points. Roberson scored 10 of her points in the first quarter as St. Ignatius tried to contain Hollans.

Berkeley's likely opponent Saturday is No. 1 seed Archbishop Mitty (28-0), a 96-29 winner over Washington (18-13) of San Francisco. The Monarchs take on Nevada Union (30-4) tonight.



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SD TIDINGS

BY ANA LUISA QUIÑONEZ

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SCHOOL VISITATION HOURS FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

BUSD welcomes families new to the District for visits to all of elementary schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings now until March 12, 1999. When visiting a school, please report first to the office to receive yourself and receive any instruction or information specific to your child's school.

8:45-11:00	644-6890	Malcolm X	8:45-11:00	644-6313
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COLUMBUS SCHOOL 644-8812

READING NIGHT WITH LUCHA CORPI

The Bilingual Advisory Committee will sponsor a family celebration on Friday, March 19, from 7-8 p.m. in the library. Local author Lucha Corpi will read her children's book "Where Fireflies Dance; Ahí están las luciérnagas," in Spanish and English. The book is a beautiful story of Corpi's growing up in Mexico, her love of music and inspiration to write. She will sing several Mexican songs with the audience. Families are encouraged to come in their pajamas and bring a blanket and pillows. Snacks and cookies will be served. Copies of the book will be sold. The event is free. For more information, please call **Roz Mena** at 548-5842.

COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 644-6313

STANDARDIZED TESTING WORKSHOP

Parents in grades 2nd through 5th will take a battery of standardized tests the week of March 22. Under a new California law, student performance tests will partially determine if students are to be promoted to the next grade.

BUSD is organizing a workshop for Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m. in the library to answer questions on the standardized testing process. Some topics to be discussed: Current mandated standardized tests; purpose of tests; relation to curriculum; results of tests. Speakers will include principal Cheryl Pico and BUSD Office of Instruction administrator **Diane Pico**.

EVENT AT FRANKLIN 644-6408

RAISER ENDS MARCH 12

Friday to buy a commemorative brick for the "Circle of Friends" project. March 12. Orders will then be sent to the manufacturer to be placed in the school in June. Each brick may be inscribed with a message or photo. Bricks start at \$50 for a 4"x8" brick, with three lines of up to 13 characters. Larger bricks may be purchased for \$250, \$500 and \$1000. Your donation is tax deductible and will pay for the new playing field. Forms to order the bricks are available in the office or contact **Trina Ostrander** at Berkeley Public Foundation, 644-6244.

PELLOW & BERKELEY HIGH

SUMMIT 1999

Community is invited to a workshop entitled *Unlearning Racism: Bridges to Strengthen our School Community & Unlearning Racism: Respect and Safety for All* will be held on Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Pellow Room at Columbus Middle School, 1720 Allston Way. This summit is an opportunity to talk with other teachers and administrators about each one of us can do about our ownophobia issues. For more information, please call **Robin Ortiz**.

Penny Rosenwasser & Glen Goss. Two videos will be presented: "The Way Home" and "It's Elementary."

There will be a Motown dance from 4-5 p.m. all ages welcomed to dance. Refreshments and lunch but space is limited and pre-registration is required. A wheelchair accessible and translation and child care are available.

Parents by mail send your name, phone number, school affiliation and address to the school plus any translation services needed and the names of children requiring childcare, to 920 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94709. If you wish to register by phone call **Vikki Davis** at 644-4426. By mail the information to vikki@aeol.com. The program is sponsored by Pellow Middle School PTA, Cooperative Parent Education Project and the BHS Diversity Project.

BERKELEY SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS 644-8833

TECHNICAL TRAINING DATES

Berkeley School Volunteers (BSV) provides, and manages volunteers, at the Berkeley's public schools. BSV is responsible for the recruitment, training, placement, recognition, and evaluation of volunteers. Volunteers should plan to attend one of the Orientations to learn more about volunteering in Berkeley schools. The Orientation includes registration, school information, volunteer opportunities, and tips for a successful experience. Orientations are held at 1835 Allston Way, Berkeley.

ADMINISTRATION 644-6504

STICKERS

Parents have designed and printed bumper stickers proclaiming: "My child is Berkeley Public School." If you are interested in getting one of these stickers, please stop by your school office or call the district public information line at 644-6320.

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES 644-6550

INFORMATION

Board meetings are held every first, and third Wednesday of the month. The Board of Education/ Council Chambers, located at 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. A meeting agenda is available The Monday prior to the meeting. The BUSD office. Public testimony is scheduled between 7:30, and 8:00 a.m. during each meeting. Testimony is limited to three minutes per speaker. All meetings are televised on local cable channel 25, and are broadcast on KQED 89.3. A review of The most recent Board of Education meeting can be accessed by calling (510) 644-6550. Board members may be contacted at 644-6550; or e-mail: boardofed@berkeley.k12.ca.us

MEETINGS

BERKELEY SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE PROJECT

City Long-Range Planning, Thursday, March 11, 12:20-2:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Conference Room, 1720 Oregon Street.

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL, 2246 Milvia St., 644-4500

Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., H-102, 7:15 p.m.

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Filmmakers deliver a dose of reality to festival

By Diane D. Urbani

Oakland natives brought a dose of reality to glamorous Park City, Utah, during the last few days of January. "Drylongso (Ordinary)," a feature film by San Francisco State University graduate Cauleen Smith, noticeably warmed the atmosphere at the Sundance Film Festival.

At Magnolia and 30th streets, Smith, screenwriter Salim Akil and a scant crew told the story of two young women struggling with problems, both personal and municipal.

Why Oakland? "Because I'm from Oakland," was the deep-voiced answer from Akil. His words prompted another round of cheers from the audience. They had already yelled and clapped their approval at the end of the movie before and after the credits rolled. "Our PR strategy is to pack the house with as many friends as possible," said a smiling Smith, 31.

When the filmmaker stepped up to the podium, cast and crew raised their hands and shouted, "Who! Yeah!" The "Drylongso" group was loud and proud, standing in high contrast to other Sundance audiences, who turned jaded eyes toward better-known movies. This is Smith's first feature-length effort.

She is earning her master's at the UCLA film school and is "trying to get out of there right now." "Drylongso" lets us into the lives of Pica (Toby Smith) and Tobi (April Barnett), whose bus stop meeting turns into a friendship. Small-boned and beautiful, Tobi starts dressing as a man to hide from her abusive boyfriend, Jefferson. Pica, an artist toting only a Polaroid camera, wants to take Tobi's picture and add it to her collection of African American male faces. Believing they are "an endangered species" and wanting to record their humanity, Pica photographs just about every black man who crosses her path.

A woman in the Sundance audience thanked Smith for "breaking down the stereotypes, and not having violence and bad language" in the film.

In college she has learned the staggering rates at which young black men are killed or imprisoned. Pica has been to seven funerals in the past year all for young men from her neighborhood. The seeds of "Drylongso" grew out of early 1990s hip-hop music that pointed out "the endangerment of black men in society," Smith said.

With the film, "I also wanted to call attention to the danger many black women are in," the director added. Tobi knows about that. When she exchanges her slim skirts and high heels for baggy jeans, a hooded sweatshirt and a bandanna pulled tight around her head, she becomes free to move around the city without being followed by her former boyfriend.

But the temporary transformation brings another change she didn't expect. When she appears as a black woman, other pedestrians "act like the sidewalk is theirs, and when they bump into me, they get mad," she tells Pica. The same people step aside when they see a young black male approaching.

Strolling solo around Lake Merritt, Tobi starts a pair of blondes, by simply walking near them. They veer away and look nervously over their shoulders. Tobi's boyfriend does find her at her house. Jefferson looms in the doorway while Tobi's new male friend calmly tells him, "Say whatever you need to say to her from right there."

Jefferson walks away. A woman in the Sundance audience thanked

Smith for "breaking down the stereotypes, and not having violence and bad language" in the film. "Drylongso" is about how violent crime affects Tobi and Pica. But instead of graphically depicting criminals' attacks, Smith spends most of her 85 minutes showing how the Oakland women contend with them.

Pica stages an art show in tribute to the men of her neighborhood; Tobi helps Pica survive the obstacles that nearly silence her. "Everyone told us not to go into Oakland and shoot a film," said Akil. Then "people made us cakes, cooked us dinners ... we never had to lock the doors of the house" where "Drylongso" was filmed.

To an audience murmuring, "Uh huh," Akil added, "Oakland is getting its properties today." The future of "Drylongso" is uncertain. Smith has yet to find a distributor for it. But Keith Williams, an actor and crew member in the film and an art teacher at East Oakland's Havenhurst Junior High School, promised, "My kids are going to see it." Another little-known sector of the Bay Area a world away from West Oakland lit the Sundance screens in "Sing Faster: The Stagehands' Ring Cycle."

Director and UC-Berkeley professor Jon Else, revered in the documentary world for "Eyes on the Prize," "Cadillac Desert" and "The Day After Trinity," wanted a break from those serious, socially conscious themes. "Jon wanted to make a musical," said "Sing" editor Jay Boekelheide. Else chose one of the grand-

est musicals of them all, the San Francisco Opera production of Richard Wagner's "Ring Cycle."

Else's 56-minute film takes viewers backstage to where the opera's crew is playing poker, joking about the opera's plot and admitting they want to date the Rhine maidens. We also get to see how they launch this Saturn rocket of a production. We watch as the crew use tiny hammers, and then toes, to tamp down the canvas on the stage floor. We witness the way they bring a King Kong-size dragon to life and death.

Through it all, the stagehands give their irreverent version of Wagner's epic. "The maidens' gold gets stolen. Then it's 17 hours of singing before they get it back," one crewman says. His team of technicians hopes the divas will sing faster so they can get the sets changed on time.

Along with the enormous snapping reptiles, the stagehands must build cities and mountains and bring fog billowing onto the stage in just the right amounts. Else spent eight years seeking a sponsor for "Sing Faster," and finally found one in Oregon Public Broadcasting. The 54-year-old documentary won a filmmaker's trophy at Sundance, but was too sick with pneumonia to make it to the last days of the festival.

Boekelheide accepted the award, joining several other Bay Area filmmakers who took top prizes. Both the documentary directing and cinematography awards went to Berkeley's Barbara Sonneborn for "Regret to Inform." The film was about Americans killed in Vietnam. Sonneborn's husband died 31 years ago in a mortar attack there. Sundance audiences chose as their favorite documentary "Genghis Blues," Roko and Adrian Belic's profile of Haight-Ashbury bluesman Paul Pena.

An appreciation of Terry O'Neal — Lord of the Dance

■ The popular Stary Plough dance instructor left a lot of friends when he died Dec. 7.

By Moya Stone

For the regular Irish dances at the Stary Plough pub in Berkeley, each step will now be taken with a heavy heart. On Dec. 7, 1998 Terry O'Neal, the leader of Ceili dance at the Plough, died at the age of 60 from a lab accident at his workplace, the United States Geological Survey.

Every Monday night for more than 18 years, O'Neal taught Irish Ceili dance at the Plough. Ceili dance is social figure dancing done with two to four (or more) couples. It's an Irish tradition going back to the mid-1800s.

O'Neal said of Ceili, "It's a Celtic knot in motion." O'Neal was also a prominent member of Berkeley Morris, taught English clogging, and was an accomplished Scottish and Scandinavian dancer. In all his years of dancing he touched a lot of lives and became a leader in the Bay Area dance community.

One of the lives Terry O'Neal

touched oh so briefly was my own.

I met him several years ago at the Plough when I showed up to learn how to Irish dance in an attempt to connect with my Irish heritage. I worked my way through the beginning and intermediate classes and eventually made it to O'Neals advanced class where I felt less than adequate, but welcomed.

I tended to mess up, especially when he'd call, "left, no right." The more experienced dancers knew not to listen to him, but I hung on every call and of course would go left when I should have gone right. But O'Neal reassured me by saying, "If you don't mess up, you're not dancing on the edge."

Because of other activities in my life I quit going to the Plough. But I always missed it, and recently found myself back there on a Monday night to gather information for an article I was writing on Irish dance. Such an article must include Terry O'Neal and though he wasn't there that particular night, I caught up with him later. "I always wondered what happened to you," he said. I spoke with him for close to an hour and he repeatedly invited me back to the Plough to dance. He was very gracious and open.

Interviewing is not always an easy

task, but O'Neal made it a pleasure and remarkably, he e-mailed me the next day to thank me for taking the time to speak to him.

'Everybody's best big brother'

A tall, Celtic-looking man sporting long, shaggy gray hair with a matching beard, Terry O'Neal had a presence that was not easily forgotten. Folk dancer Nancy MacKay said she didn't know Terry, but saw him at dances and was struck by his presence. "Whether he was in full costume on stage or in a less formal setting, he could, by just his presence, make admiring hearts beat, mine included," said MacKay. "I want to remember him as a great hero of my own Celtic ancestors representing the qualities I admire — passion, independence, and energy." Given O'Neal's offbeat persona, some might find his background surprising.

In 1938 Clyde F. O'Neal II was born in rural Walnut Creek on a ranch. His parents had decided on the name Terry, but when the little guy arrived, his aunts insisted that he looked so much like his father he must carry his father's name. Though officially he was Clyde, he always went by Terry.

O'Neal grew up in a conservative

environment and was a Republican in his early adult years though he was known to say, "Liberals have the best parties." Shaggy hair was not his style. It was a buzz cut for the young O'Neal and despite the fact that rock and roll was the chosen music of his contemporaries, O'Neal wasn't too proud to admit he loved country music nor too proud to drive around in a Model A Ford pickup truck.

Long-time friend Becky O'Malley knew O'Neal for 40 years. She met him at UC Berkeley and the two quickly bonded. "Terry was everybody's best big brother," said O'Malley. "He was always absolutely himself without apology." As his wife Cathleen said, "Terry had a love for community and he chose his passion for dance as a way to gather people together." He made things happen and that was evident on Dec. 28, 1998 when more than 200 people gathered at O'Neal's second home, the Stary Plough, to honor their dance leader.

In the thick scent of fried potatoes, burning pizza, and pints of Guinness people packed themselves shoulder to shoulder around the bar, on the dance floor, around the stage and even onto the street. For two

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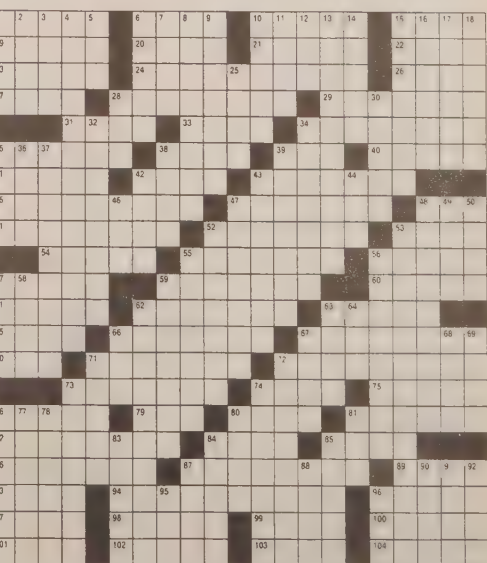
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O'Neal

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hurs various friends, colleagues, and acquaintances spoke about O'Neal — sharing memories, experiences, poems, songs, and O'Nealisms. Such as, "If you can walk you can do this dance," and "Kiss your opposite," and my personal favorite, "Dum de ditalee dum" — O'Neal's attempt to provide music for his advanced class to dance to.

Eliza O'Malley had known O'Neal since she was 7, when he began teaching her Irish dance. She spoke about O'Neal's ability to bring people out. "He made shy people feel welcome," she said. That may be because O'Neal was shy too.

He said of himself, "I was painfully shy, a real geek. Irish dance taught me how to be social." O'Neal reached out to reserved people through dance and helped them feel comfortable.

Scottish dancer Karl Davis com-

mented that O'Neal brought socializing to both Scottish and Irish dance. "He used to say the purpose of dance is to flirt," said Davis.

Dance may have been a way to open up socially for O'Neal, but it was also a spiritual expression. "In my advanced class the dancers have reached a level where they can forget their bodies and dance as a unit," O'Neal said, "There's a transcendence in the unity. In a spiritual sense, it's a way of saying hello."

It was the socialization, the community, and the spiritual essence that brought O'Neal to the Plough every Monday night. For several years he had his son, Rowan, in tow.

While O'Neal taught his class, four-year-old Rowan, a pint sized version of his dad (without the beard of course), ran among the dancers often narrowly escaping a push or a shove from twirling bodies practicing one of O'Neal's dance creations.

Many of the dance patterns taught at the Plough were created by

O'Neal.

"Every Irish dance group do the dances differently," said O'Neal. "The steps are always the same, but the patterns are different." O'Neal created 50 dance patterns. Five to 10 were worked on regularly at the Plough.

"Basically they're variations on traditional dance patterns. I take the tradition, look at its scope and fill in the holes," he said.

O'Neal self-published a book outlining his dances, Syllabus of Irish Dances as Danced at the Starry Plough in Berkeley, California.

He said he published this book to document what everyone has done at the Plough, "and also to help people understand that there is local variation in Irish dance. You won't find the exact same dances in every group," he said.

O'Neal believed his scientific background helped him to see the patterns and play with them mathematically.

O'Neal was a hydrologist, the study of properties, distribution, and circulation of water on and below the earth's surface. Several of his co-workers were among the crowd who gathered at the Plough to honor O'Neal.

His boss of 20 years, Bill Herkelrath, said of him, "He was a good scientist. An expert in vacuum technology and an excellent computer programmer."

Co-worker Hedeff Essaid said she enjoyed working with O'Neal, "He was a very generous person," she said.

For all O'Neal's graciousness and warmth he wasn't without a feisty side (what Irishman isn't?). A fact well known to close friend and dance partner Lee Thompson-Herbe. "People who only saw us at the Plough often thought we hated each other because we were always arguing," Thompson-Herbe said via e-mail. "We argued because we both had a strong conviction that things should

be right. We just didn't always agree on how to get there. At one performance, they were going to announce us as 'O'Neal and wife.' Terry said, 'We're not married. We just argue as if we were.'"

O'Neal was also a bit mischievous. Thompson-Herbe recounts the time when one of his pranks went too far, "Some of his pranks weren't well thought out and I ended up with three broken ribs from one of them," she said "But he didn't mean to hurt me. I was supposed to move the next week and I made Terry do my part of the packing and moving. And he did it without complaining." But it seems its O'Neals giving spirit that people will most remember.

Adria McCuaig met Terry at the Plough where she's been taking classes for the past year and a half. "Terry had a reassuring presence," said McCuaig, "One time he spent over an hour trying to teach me a particular step I wasn't getting. He was always there to help. We've lost

one of our own," she said.

A memorial to Terry would not be complete without which O'Neal was honored him with presence.

Included in the line of Irish Step Dance, Irish Ceili among others onto the tiny dance floor, lookers pressed against the dancers offered support to their leader.

Perhaps the 1970s "Lord of the Dance" movie reflects Terry O'Neal, wherever you may be, of the dance said he was all in the dance said he

Those of us who had to learn about dance from O'Neal, will forever carry in our dancing hearts

Calendar

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lecture and field trip series; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; 525-2464.

East Bay Women Artists present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. A reception will take place on Wednesday, March 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Literary Events

Ongoing

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature"; 1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. every Thursday; free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Ripper Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way; 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays; 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillside Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

The Berkeley Gray Panther's Education Committee meets on Monday March 15 at 2:30 p.m. at 1403 Addison St. Call 548-9696.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignments 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkreis Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 9 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

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Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Meffy Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

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About 700 square miles in size, the Okefenokee is the largest swamp in North America and is located in southeast Georgia. Two rivers start in the swamp. They are the Suwannee River, which flows south from the swamp through Florida to the Gulf of Mexico, and the St. Marys River, which flows east and forms the border between Georgia and Florida.

Most of the time, the water is not deeper than nine feet. And even though the water is actually clear, decaying plants stain the water and cause it to look the color of dark tea.

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part-time for physical therapy office. Call Liz: 84, or fax resume to 841-673.

MONTCLAIR Recreation Center is looking for enthusiastic camp counselors for this summer. Please call for more details. 510-482-7812

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OFFICE ASSISTANT
Part-time for paper magazine. General office duties. 25-30 hours/week, afternoons. Mac literate. Dependable/flexible. Must have car. Salary DOE, fax resume to 510-436-4563.

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Light bookkeeping, general office & customer service. Non-smoking. 510-658-2734.

OFFICE ASSISTANT
Part-time responsible for training, Ophthalmologist Office (Oakland). Sales experience a plus, good with numbers. 510-451-9158

OFFICE HELP clerical, part-time, flexible hours. Growing cabinet and construction company in Oakland needs a smart and motivated person to help with general office and computer skills. 510-444-5000 Use or Steve.

OFFICE HELP needed for attorney's home office. Part-time. Fax resume: 510-530-5009; Phone: 510-530-9331

OFFICE MANAGER with people skills for Bay North Berkeley Real Estate Office. Versatile, well-organized, self-motivated, confident, with ability to set priorities and develop creative ideas. Strong computer skills. A must. Office management experience preferred. Fax resume to Alvin: Telen 510-643-3559

OFFICE PERSON with excellent phone manner needed. Must be detail-oriented, have good computer and general office skills and like dealing with the public. Interested in dog a plus. Full-time \$10/hour. Send resume and cover letter to Penita, 2104 Shattuck Ave., #206, Berkeley CA 94704.

OFFICE POSITION
Small software company seeks person for 30-40 hours per week to perform a variety of tasks in a relaxed atmosphere. Tasks are computer based and include order processing, organizing data for mailings, maintaining a database, internet research, e-mail correspondence, some data entry. Must be detail-oriented, accurate, self-starting, independent worker. Near Montclair Village. Fax resume with salary requirement to 510-339-1646.

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OFFICE/PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATOR
High quality East Bay Bread Company has an immediate opening for an office/production administrator. The successful applicant must be computer literate, ability to multi-task, work well under pressure and have good phone skills. Customer service experience & bilingual a plus. We provide a positive growth oriented work environment, medical and dental benefits, free bread. EOE. Sunday-Wednesday, 9-5pm. Send resume to Production Administrator, 1250 Addison, Suite 109, Berkeley, CA 94702 or fax: 510-504-1904.

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OFFICE WORKER
Part-time. Energetic, reliable, friendly individual wanted for office work with a Berkeley Doctor, Medical Office. Computer skills and attention to detail a must. Half to 3/4 time, flexible. Salary \$12-\$20/hour depending on experience. Call Anne at 510-524-1680.

ON CALL/SUBS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

For schoolage childcare programs in Alameda. Texty and/or Assistant or teacher, P.M. part-time hours, approximately 2:30-6 p.m. M/T/W/F and/or 3-6 p.m. on Thursday. Could be long term assignment to end of school year. Send resume to Program Director. Attn: Pam. Girls Incorporated of the Island City. 1724 Santa Clara Ave. Alameda, 94501 or FAX: (512) 4417

OFFICE WORKER
Part-time. Tuesday-Thursday 4-6 p.m., Saturday 9-3 p.m. for busy El Cerrito Real Estate office. Phone, people skills and own transportation a must. Call Marianne at 510-869-4461.

RECEPTIONIST
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REAL ESTATE SALES
Quick Licensing, fee reimbursement, and FREE training for licensed agents. Positions available.

Call Prudential California Realty/Mason McQuitty
Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm

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1-800-499-5551

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REAL ESTATE AGENTS
Solutions is searching for experienced, licensed agents to locate rentals for busy professionals and students in the Berkeley/Oakland area. High volume, fast-paced. We provide leads and all the clients, and you locate the vacancies. We are extremely busy! \$2,000-\$7,000 per month. Will train. Car required. Rental Solutions 349-3888

REAL ESTATE
We have a few openings for newly licensed real estate agents. Who want to work as an assistant for broker while you learn the business and get paid. Please call Gloria for an interview.

MONTCLAIR BETTER HOMES
339-8400

Property Managers!
List Your Rentals With Us For Best Results! 339-8777

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Fast-paced, exciting management clinic for field aide. Must have recent acute care experience, excellent communication skills, dynamic team player. multidisciplinary team environment. Send resume to: WP 5.1 helpful! 510-282-2719 or e-mail at: bridge@octimes.com EOE.

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REAL ESTATE BROKER ASSISTANT
Small Brokerage area company, needs mature person with car, computer skills (PageMaker, Act, Quick), and personality for flexible 30+ hours/week. Fax resume to: 510-428-2529 or e-mail: bretdsoul@aol.com

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RECEPTIONIST/SWITCHBOARD
Part-time (weekends), good customer service and phone skills, data entry, light typing. 510-528-1244.

RECEPTIONIST
Clerical, part-time, computer skills a must. Must know Word & Excel, answering phones and miscellaneous tasks. Dependable transportation, reliable, positive attitude. Fax resume to Wendy: 510-339-2222.

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For small Oakland law firm. Experience with WP8 required. Should be self-motivated, extremely organized and enjoy client contact. Full-time, Part-time available. Fax resume: 510-351-0682 for message

SECRETARY
Full-time, strong communication and attention to detail. Heavy Word Processing \$25,000 plus benefits. Resumes: 510-654-6906, Varnity@dnal.com

SECURITY GUARDS
Production, part/full-time, immediate openings, big bonus/benefits. No experience required. 510-826-9656.

SHIPPING STOCKROOM CLERK
For small growing company, casual atmosphere. UPS, FedEx and international shipments. Interface with freight forwarders and customers. Must be able to lift 50 lb box. Fax resume: 510-748-1717

SHOP HELPER
Cutting, sewing, assembling window shades. Part-time or full-time. Phone skills helpful. Non-smoking. 510-658-2734.

TEACHER
Schoolage Summer Camp. Elementary Education or Period/Recreation units. Schoolage experience. Field trips, sports, and drama. Full-time. 510-769-5372

TEACHER
Three's and Four's, Alameda. Low ratios, beautiful environment. 6 units in ECE/2 years experience. Full-time salary/benefits. 510-865-5900.

TEACHERS ASSISTANT
Developmental preschool summer program, Monday-Friday 9am-1:15pm. ECE units and preschool experience required. Contact Susan B. Laura 510-451-2821

TEACHERS ASSISTANT
20 hours per week. Please call: 510-526-8570

TELEMARKETER
For fast paced Alameda ISP. Good communication and phone skills a must. Part-time okay. Computer experience a plus. Pay DOE. Call 510-521-7144 email: barton@bog.net

TRAVEL AGENT
Temporary position. Month of March. \$15/hour. Call for details: 510-272-9911

BRADFORD STAFF

403 Help Wanted

WAREHOUSE/OFFICE
Small San Leandro mail order company seeks versatile person for order picking and phone orders. Must have familiarity with beer and brewing. Full-time, excellent benefits. 510-351-0682 for message

WOOD/Metal Fabrication
Minimum 2 years experience. Custom Furniture Manufacture, P-Plan, Sanding, Grinding. Fax resume 510-444-0852

ZION Lutheran Church
Piedmont seeks nursery assistant Sundays 8:15 to 12:30. For info, negotiable. Call 547-3942

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404 Independent Employment
Advertises in the classified section. An investment may be required.

406 Employment Wanted
BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

FINANCIAL
501 Businesses For Sale

MINORITY
Contracting business. Good growth potential. \$60-K. Fax inquiries 510-482-2316

502 Business Opportunities
IS YOUR BUSINESS Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for \$950 for both. 510-658-3927

ARMOUR
\$400; Sideboard, \$600. Beautiful wood additions to your home. 510-864-7945.

5-PIECE Oak wall unit
with 3 matching tables; leather sofa, sofa sleeper, rocker recliner, glider rocker, 2 chairs. Call: 814-9496

STANLEY Simple Pleasure
Maple Shaker style dining table and 6 chairs. Mint condition. \$1800! best offer 510-864-1407

BEAUTIFUL Ashwood China
cabinet white-washed finish. Beveled glass doors; top lighted. Mint condition. Must sacrifice \$1000! best offer 510-864-1407

BEAUTIFUL Rocktop
Dining table with burwood and marble inlays; computer compliant. Must see \$900! best offer 510-864-1407

COUCH
\$100, Pine Desk-755, Papasan Chair-350, Small Oak TV set, \$25, 3-way Yamaha Speakers (140W) \$150, Lamp \$107-1475

QUEEN Mattress/Box Frame
\$150, Wicker/Futon couches, \$60; Papasan chair, \$50; car jack, \$5; ramps, bike rack. \$107-1475

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firm, never slept on \$600 set! best price. 510-864-1407

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Large Teak dining table \$500; Teak Buffet \$400; Teal tied coffee table \$250. Call 521-2439 for details

607 Pets/Services
HOP-A-LONG animal rescue seeks kind, compassionate, responsible cats, cages, leashes, collars, food, litter. 510-655-7895

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WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. 547-1278

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Pick-up available with large quantity. Cash paid, no consignments. Call 510-526-5437

WANTED: Surfboards, old or new, old paddle boards, vintage surf magazines
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WANTED: Running car
urgently needed for single Mother as a gift or inexpensive cost. 510-558-8319

HAVENS School Resource Room
(for special needs children) is in need of a Power Mac computer to run new programs. If you can help, please call Leslie King at Havens School, 594-2680

HOOKED ON Phonics
perfect condition, never used. \$130 510-530-4639

LEAD Crystal Stemware
(64 piece) formal setting for 8. Asking \$2K or best offer. 510-639-7042, if no answer leave message

MEN'S new Burberry's Raincoat
(never been worn) Size large or extra-large \$175, (\$565 value). 510-530-3972

MOVING SALE: Washer/dryer
- \$150 each. Futon loveseat (full bed size), file cabinet. 510-523-2702

SONY surround sound receiver
digital Prologic high-end Model 911, \$299.33. Excellent sub-woofer speakers, \$199. Both \$450. Brown, 510-459-3400

603 Miscellaneous For Sale

SPA Heater-sold Seats 6
Warranty, \$2550; 925-754-5214 or 510-539-5552

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605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 568-7540 for details

SLEIGH Bed, Queen maple
cherry \$600. Excellent condition. 511-3520

CHILD'S bed, 1 unit
cushion, closet, desk and bunkbed. Twin mattress included. \$300 to 510-865-1336

Area rug, Chinese style, 6x
9' simple design, light beige. \$100. 510-339-3640

CARPETS
Why pay over \$100 per sq. yard for beautiful, antique, hand-woven 100% wool Persian, Turkish, Berber carpets directly from Central Asia. 510-531-7545

DINING ROOM, 12 piece set
Dewant Walnut, Grand Rapids Chair, 1930's. Large Oak entertainment center at 27" T.V. 510-522-4963

Two upholstered 72"
Love seats, originally \$2,500 from Slaters. Maroon. Muted colors. Excellent condition. \$950 for both. 510-658-3927

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702 Housing Wanted

FEMALE
responsible, professional, PhD, student, non-smoker, no pets. seeks quiet in-law or cottage. Up to \$2000 including utilities. Must assist with cleaning and errands. 925-947-1234

SKILLED designer, carpenter,
and totally handy person looking to fix up place to live for part or entire trade. Will consider part time purchase. 510-273-2468

TWO female elementary
schoolers seek quiet in-law with charm, trees, bay view. Leave details, 649-3443

COTTAGE, in-law, etc.
sought by long established small business owner. Rte. 510-883-9060, 653-9256

RETIRED Professional
Couple wants 2+ bedroom apartment/home. Elmwood, Rockridge, Piedmont, Montclair, Lake area. 415-221-3568

726 1 Bedroom

\$760-\$800 newly remodeled, near Lake Merritt and BART 510-303-2846 or 510-530-2846

\$765 410 BELLEVUE, near Grand Lake Theater patio, laundry, parking included, storage, year lease 510-665-3943

\$795 275 MACARTHUR Large 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, fresh carpets and paint, coin laundry, parking Call 465-3943

\$795 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, near Piedmont Park, Mariposa Ave. 510-655-5845 or 510-653-6019

\$800 SUNNY LAKE MERRITT lovely 1 bedroom apartment, Great kitchen, sunny rooms with big windows and skylights, hardwood floors, fabulous neighborhood on Capital Street. First, last and \$300 security showing March 11 only available March 11. Call 510-665-6567 for details.

\$850 ADAMS Point remodeled Victorian. Dining room, new kitchen, newly painted, large walk-in closets. 415-863-6390

\$850 LARGE 1 bedroom, condo quality, good natural light, dining room, 1 block to Lake 415 Lagunitas. Call 839-9038

\$850 PENTHOUSE, with large private deck, just remodeled. Secure building, downtown Oakland. 1500 Jackson Street. One year lease, no pets. 510-452-3883

\$875-1100 WOOD OASIS! Upper Rockridge 2.5 acres, 4 1/2 bedroom units available Lou, 510-658-3280

718 2 Bedrooms

726 1 Bedroom

\$935 Classic 1 bedroom with Tudor building, quiet neighborhood near Piedmont. No pets. Garbage, water, heat included. 415-665-3654

\$945 CHINA Hill location featuring Architecturally designed 1920's English Tudor security building with original hand stenciled lobby still intact. Top floor, corner unit with hardwood floors, decorative fireplace, bay windows, breakfast room \$15/parking. 415-458-4295

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\$995 UPPER Rockridge In-law. Living/dining/kitchen plus bedroom, bath, veranda in 1930's Mediterranean No pets. 510-653-5587 before 7 p.m.

\$1025 ROCKRIDGE, sunny, newly painted remodeled Victorian. New kitchen, 16' walk-in closet, Oak floors 415-863-8390

\$1050 ARCHITECTURALLY exciting condominium near Piedmont. Coq, balcony, dishwasher, elevator, 473 Jean (Santa Clara) Rd. 415-1590

\$1075 MONTCLAIR Village, 1 bedroom townhome in new building. Laundry. 925-838-9615

\$1075 MONTCLAIR, Large, parking, laundry, view, hardwoods, cat okay. Mountain Blvd #727832-B. Homefinders 549-6450. Fee

\$1150 BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom flat plus separate artist studio in elegant duplex on Haddon Rd. (China Hill) Large sunny rooms, hardwood floors, fireplace, built-ins. Large kitchen modern bath with tub. Yard/parking/laundry. Cat welcome 510-453-6637

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727 2 Bedroom

\$1695 TWO Bedrooms, large, 1500 square feet, 2 baths, fireplace, view, laundry, garage 533 Mira Vista Avenue, Oakland 510-654-5000

\$1800 ROCKRIDGE Duplex, walking distance to BART, fine restaurants and shopping. Hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator, private patio, parking, pets negotiable. Available end of March 510-465-9064

\$2100 UPPER ROCKRIDGE PENTHOUSE! DUE Level, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, spectacular golf course/ Bay View, sun porch, 2 decks, parking! 832-5128

728 3+ Bedrooms

\$1050 NORTH Oakland, 3 bedroom lower flat in duplex Over/ Porter street, 1900 charm. Washer/ dryer, pet negotiable, accessible 415-771-0983

\$1500 ATTRACTIVE Lafayette location, 3 bedrooms, near BART/ Downtown. Available immediately. No pets 925-283-9912

\$1750 LAKE View Beautifully renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bath flat. Fireplace, dining No pets. 266-0780

\$1820 THREE Bedrooms, 2 bath, view, new building, hardwood floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen, near Grand Avenue 510-839-3420 Evenings

\$1875 GLENVIEW 4 bedrooms, 2 baths flat in a duplex Sunny, roomy, newly remodeled, washer/ dryer, dishwasher, garbage disposal 3801 Unwood Open Saturday/ Sunday 3-4 p.m. 415-895-0683

\$2750 175 SANTA Rosa Ave 2000 sq ft 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 decks, huge patio, hardwood floor, spacious kitchen, fireplace, stunning SF views Kevin 531-6008

763 3 Bedroom

\$2395 PIEDMONT Attraction 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, Hardwoods, fireplace, skylights, double garage Fenced yard, deck, hot-tub 510-653-7330, evenings

\$3000 Newer architecturally interesting open plan Great views in the Montclair Hills Available May, 1999 Philip/Olson/Tibbitts/Gent 800-900-3855 "the rental specialist"

\$3000 SPACIOUS 3 bedroom, 3 bath, colonial style home on La Salle in Piedmont 2 fireplaces, large kitchen, 2 car garage Available now! Call Monday-Friday, 9-5: 510-834-9815

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764 4+ Bedrooms

\$1800 FIREPLACE, yard, laundry, garden, hardwoods, dog okay. Linden/ Monte Cresta #781659-B Homefinders 549-6450. Fee

\$2800 MONTCLAIR 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car parking, decks, 6772 Paso Robles Drive. 510-287-9986

SHARE RENTALS

771 Alameda

\$450 ROOM to rent, private entrance and bath. Furnished and lots of storage, shared kitchen and spa. 510-521-3155 or 510-366-7888

\$465 LOVELY, clean 4 bedroom house off Alameda beach, 5 mile walking trail 510-816-3885

772 Albany & Kensington

\$700 PLUS utilities. Share 2 bedroom, charming Albany location, close to BART, hardwood floors, fireplace, parking, close shops/transportation. 510-524-9631

778 Oakland & Piedmont

\$575 LINCOLN Heights includes utilities Sunny large room, hardwood floors, views, no dogs, non-smoking 510-531-0926

\$600 MONTCLAIR 2 bridge view, huge deck, private bath, guest room, 1/2 utilities Jan 510-531-1388

\$600 SHARE Rockridge Hill home View, laundry, utilities included. First & last 510-655-5249

763 3 Bedroom

\$1825 SUNNYSLOPE Avenue. A simply gorgeous flat with 1920's charm and today's quality and convenience. Gourmet kitchen, designer baths, fireplace Decks and views Parking 510-841-1411

\$1950 MONTCLAIR home, 3 Bedrooms, quiet Tahoe-like setting, fireplace, laundry, redwood deck, filtered view 510-339-9358

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Recycled furnishings can take on new life

"Until materials are made into new products, they are not really recycled. Your trash is just tidily separated. Recycling won't work unless those products are purchased regularly."

— from WorldWise, San Rafael developer and distributor of environmentally responsible products

Bill Baldewicz of rural Sebastopol spends his days this time of year pruning his apple, peach, pear and cherry trees, picking up downed branches and squirreling the sticks away into one of his overstuffed drying sheds for a couple of years.

After the yardwork is done, he meanders around to estate sales and auctions, buying up old moldings, trim pieces, broken tables, chairs and bureaus, and rescuing pickets and posts from the kindling pile. He occasionally salvages old fruit or ammunition crates, as well.

And then he transforms his discoveries into one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture. He has crafted television cabinets from

By Mary Jo Farrell

CCT staff writer



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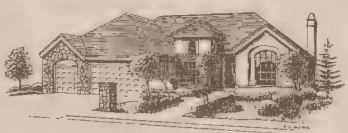
Prudential expo a hit



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Planning a wedding? Plan now for long-term finances

The invitations have gone out, and the date is quickly approaching. Together you are looking forward to a life of love, happiness and prosperity. But in the midst of planning a wedding, couples often forget to think about their financial future together.

Just as you took time to discuss the type of wedding you wanted, make an appointment with your partner to talk about how you will handle your finances after you are married. Start the discussion with how much importance each of you places on savings and investing.

Do not forget to talk about who will be responsible for paying the bills and balancing the checkbook.

Money matters

By Leila Gough

Will you have joint or separate checking accounts, or a combination of both?

Try to agree on saving a certain percentage of your income each month and how that savings will be used. You should make sure that some of your savings is earmarked for retirement. If you have children or planning to have children, you should also consider setting up a college education fund.

If you are not sure how much you

can afford to save, prepare a budget listing all of your income and expenses. The difference between the two is how much you can save. If there is nothing left over, see if you can cut some expenses or boost your income.

The next step is to add up all of your assets (what you own) and subtract your liabilities (what you owe), so you can determine your net worth. Calculating each person's net worth can give you both a good start toward determining an investment strategy, as well as help you decide what property to keep separate and what to merge.

Depending on your circumstances, you may wish to consult a

lawyer and financial consultant to learn the advantages and disadvantages of various types of asset and property ownership.

Begin by listing your assets, which may include checking and savings accounts, investment accounts, certificates of deposit and the current value of any securities in your portfolio.

Be sure also to include the cash value of your life insurance policies, the current value of your home if you own one, and any other major items, such as cars, boats, equipment and collectibles.

You will also want to add the value of any employer-sponsored plans, such as retirement or profit-

sharing plans.

Once you have tallied your assets, you will need to deduct your liabilities. Liabilities include the remaining mortgage on a home, credit-card balances and any personal loans on cars, appliances, home improvements or for a college education.

Calculating your net worth (assets minus liabilities) will help your financial consultant determine the proper investment mix (stocks, bonds and cash) in which to invest your savings. Keep in mind, however, that you should have at least two to six months of living expenses reserved for emergencies plus adequate life insurance. If you prefer,

your financial consultant be able to help you prepare a net worth statement using a form or computer software.

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A guide to some resources — stores, associations, designers, architects, contractors, books, Web sites — that may prove useful if you're embarking on a home renovation. Some of the names were borrowed from "Architectural Resource Guide," edited by David Kibbey for Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility.

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■ **"Architectural Resource Guide,"** published by Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility, Northern California chapter, 510-273-2428, P.O. Box 9126, Berkeley, 94709. A comprehensive listing of environmental resources, products, and services from around the country. The group is a nonprofit that offers information to design professionals and the public on environmental building issues. Lectures on building ecology monthly in San Francisco.

■ **"Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings,"** published by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, contains useful listings of energy efficient products. 202-429-0063. Web site: <http://aceee.org>

■ **The Ecology Center,** 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510-548-2220. A bookstore and resource center carrying information and publications on various environmental topics.

■ **Energy.** PG&E is an excellent source of information to make your home energy efficient. PG&E Comfort Homes: 800-474-3468; PG&E Smarter Energy Line: 800-933-9555. www.pge.com/saving/

■ **EPA.** The federal Environmental Protection Agency has an amazing variety of accurate and clearly presented information online. Start at www.epa.gov/iaq/indist.html.

■ **"The Inside Story: A Guide to Indoor Air Quality,"** published by the federal Environmental Protection Agency in English and Spanish, is a clear and thorough guide, with references to many other agencies, publications and Web sites. Call 800-438-4318, or check the Web, www.epa.gov/iaq/indist.html.

The EPA also runs the Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse, which makes available many brochures and advisories about carbon monoxide, carpets, "Asthma, Air Quality and Environmental Justice" and more. Call 800-438-4318.

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What's in a description? Edwardian cachet makes the sale

Owning a piece of history

By Mark Wilson

One of the first scenes in Walt Disney's "Mary Poppins" shows the father of Jane and Michael Banks coming home from work, and singing a lively tune: "It's nice to be an Englishman in 1910, King Edward's on the throne, and it's the age of men!"

Besides being a catchy ditty, these lyrics tell us a lot about the period of early 20th century history known as the Edwardian era.

The term Edwardian is one of the most commonly misused words, both by Realtors and the media. "Edwardian Style" is often used to describe historic buildings from the early 1900s, when in reality there is no such thing. Just as the term Victorian relates to a specific period of English history, so Edwardian means a particular historic era, during which several distinct styles of architecture were popular in England and America.

In 1901 the Victorian Era officially ended with the death of Queen Victoria, after a truly remarkable reign of 64 years. Her eldest son Edward then ascended to the throne, at 68. His reign only lasted until his death in 1910, when he was succeeded by his second son, George V.

English historians agree that the Edwardian Era in all of the arts is officially extended up to the beginning of World War One in 1914. Thus, any building built in an English-speaking country between 1901 and 1914 can correctly be called an Edwardian Era building.

The Edwardian Era was marked

by an overall opulence in many of the arts in England and America, particularly in architecture. Many American historians have dubbed this period the age of conspicuous consumption, as both "old money" families such as the Vanderbilts and Roosevelts, and the growing class of nouveau riche, chose to show off their wealth through lavish lifestyles and residences.

The Edwardian Era was the period during which some of the most lavish mansions along New York's Fifth Avenue were built, as well as some of the most opulent summer homes and country residences of the upper classes in places such as New York's Hudson River Valley and Rhode Island's Newport.

The film version of E.L. Doctrow's novel "Ragtime" captures some of the opulent feeling that still exists in the older towns of Westchester County, about 30 miles north of New York City.

Architects such as McKim, Mead and White in New York City, Daniel Burnham in Chicago, Green and Green in Southern California, and Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan in the San Francisco Bay Area were designing some of the fanciest homes of their careers for their wealthiest clients during the Edwardian Era.

These architects employed a wide variety of styles for their Edwardian Era commissions, ranging from Georgian Revival to Spanish Colonial Revival to Italian Renaissance Revival to Tudor Revival to Arts and Crafts and dozens of other lesser-known styles.

Let's explore some of the finest examples of Edwardian Era architecture in the Bay Area, with an eye to the unique marketing opportunities afforded by an Edwardian designation:

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In 1991, I received a call from the owners of a historic duplex on Piedmont Avenue in Berkeley. This home had been featured in a calendar of historic houses produced by The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association in the 1970s.

In the BAHHA calendar, this building had been mistakenly attributed to the famed architect Julia Morgan. I promised the owners to do some original research on the history of their duplex before I put it into the multiple listing service.

I found that this building had been built in 1902, and was designed by a little-known architect who never

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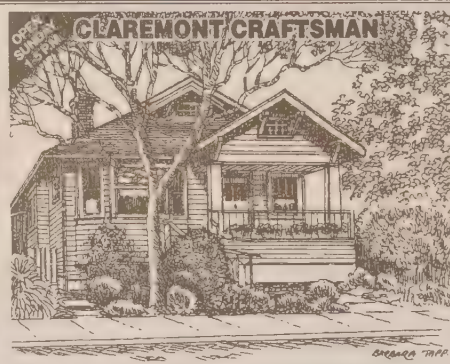


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Through most experts forecast the real estate market for all of 1999, no one knows how this seller's market will continue. History shows, however, that the market goes through periodic cycles. Unfortunately, we can't always pay attention.

Many people treat "today" as if it will never change. It will. Buyers and sellers need to factor reality into decisions they make in a supercharged environment.

What you don't know can hurt you

By Don Dunning

Past in perspective

Bay area residential real estate activity reached its apex at the end of the 1970s and again at the end of the 1980s. The 10-year cycle is repeating itself in the last years of the 1990s.

During our last significant upturn, the market peaked in the latter part of 1989. At the time, of course, we did not know we had reached the high point. It was only later that we could look back and be sure.

In particular, one trend stood out quite clearly. Despite diminishing sales activity in the early 1990s, prices

generally remained high until 1993. I know many people in this area who bought between 1990 and 1993. Those who still own the home have seen the value of their property surpass their investment.

A substantial number of people, however, who became homeowners between 1990 and 1993 and sold before 1997 lost money on their purchase.

Waiting may not pay

For you, as a buyer, one possibility is to hold off until prices stabilize or decrease. Unfortunately, you may

be waiting three or four years before prices drop substantially.

With current sky-high rents, this may not be a reasonable alternative for many of today's buyers. In addition to the tax advantages, having one's own abode offers psychological as well as physical benefits. Owning a home is an achievement.

Know the territory

Few buyers are clear on the relative value of various neighborhoods, as well as pockets within them. To understand how much to offer, you must know the territory. An experi-

enced, local real estate professional can provide invaluable service and advice in this regard.

I am familiar with numerous instances from the early 1990s where those buyers who overpaid were working with out-of-area agents. Even if that agent is a relative or friend (or, perhaps, especially for this reason), this is a bad idea.

Location is still the key determinant of value. Other aspects are the size and style of the home; floor plan; charm; condition; remodeling and

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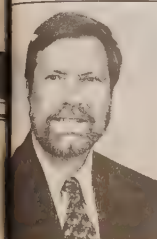
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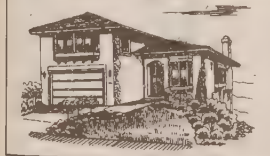
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New listing! Spacious Colonial w/sunny fam rm, master bedroom w/fireplace, park-like yard. Debi Fitzgerald

6145 Ridgmont Dr., Ridgmont - 3+bd/2+ba\$629,000
Lavish, sophisticated custom home w/5-bridge views, fabulous kitchen. Robyn Mohr

7027 Buckingham Bl., Oak Hills - 4+bd/3ba\$599,000
New brown shingle home w/So. Bay & hill views, family room, great light. Vicki Woodhead

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New listing! Elegant, stylish Traditional in popular area, 3 frpls, Bay views, EZ commute access. Dee Knowland

6780 Oakwood Dr., Montclair - 4bd/4+ba\$549,000
New listing! Dramatic contemporary in secluded oak tree setting, kit/fam rm, luxurious MBR. Donna Costella

6490 Benvenue, Elmwood - 4bd/1+ba\$439,000
New listing! Sunny brown shingle on Oakland/Berk border, great street, formal DR, parlor. Nancy Chew

2341 Pelham Pl., Montclair - 3bd/2+ba\$369,000
New listing! Level-in ranch style home w/filtered Bay & canyon views, master suite with spa. Teri Carlisle

4024 Coolidge, Lincoln Hts - 3+bd/2+ba\$289,000
Sunny, split-level home in great neighborhood w/family room, large level yard, master suite. Dick Cohen

484 63rd St., North Oakland - 3bd/2ba\$219,000
New listing! Victorian era fixer needs your imagination! Living/DR with built-ins, large kitchen. Nancy Chew

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Reading the fine print: A guide to all those friendly fees

No. 59 in a series
Usually, the first question we hear when taking a loan application is, "How much is this going to cost me?"

The real estate industry is feed-driven and the problem when you are buying or refinancing is there are just too many people involved, from real estate agents to appraisers, property inspectors, escrow/title officers, credit reporting services, insurance agents, loan officers and a whole bunch of people at the lender.

When you are dealing directly with a bank/lender or a mortgage broker, the fees you pay are a matter of your choice.

When examining closing costs of a purchase or the refinancing of a piece of property, the most important fee/closing cost may be the loan origination points (at least in my job), primarily because it is one of the "biggest" fees for anyone, that is if they want the lowest rate possible.

Those 'no point loans' that are so

Mortgage madness

By Karen Senzig

popular are just a matter of interest rate. When you subtract the "points," there still is roughly 2 percent of the loan amount in additional closing costs.

In a 'no cost loan,' those costs are covered by a higher interest rate and a deeper discount — or rebate — given to us by the lender so that we can cover your costs.

That's all well and good, but you should know what those costs are that are being covered. Some costs pertain to purchases only, as we'll see.

There are two kinds of fees: non-recurring closing costs (one time transaction costs) and recurring closing costs (those things you'd have to pay anyway).

Non-recurring closing costs

Loan origination points. As we

discussed above, it is still one of the biggest and most important decisions regarding the loan if you want the lowest interest rate. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

Processing fee. The lender, whether you are working with a mortgage broker or a bank incurs overhead. This fee covers everything from copier service to postage to lights and gasoline. The average is between \$400 and \$600.

City transfer tax on purchases only. This varies by city. Usually the seller and borrower bear the cost equally.

The City of Oakland, for example, charges \$15 per \$1,000 sales price. So a \$250,000 purchase would calculate at \$250 multiplied by \$15

(\$3,750) divided by two equals \$1,875.

County transfer tax on purchases only. This tax usually is paid by the seller, however in a hot seller's market, it can become a buyer's cost.

All counties in California charge \$1.10 per \$1,000 sales price.

Credit report fee. The same for everybody: individuals and married couples equals \$50. Self-employed people have the additional burden of a possible business credit report for an additional \$50 to \$60.

Some lenders will accept a pre-qualification report that does not include a public records search or employment verification that costs \$18.

The credit report is a tri-merge of

TRW, TransUnion and Equifax credit reporting bureaus.

These firms also research public records for judgments and liens. Normally this fee is paid to the credit reporting bureau that is being used.

Appraisal fee. Whether purchasing or refinancing, the home must retain enough value for the lender to feel secure.

Appraisals traditionally are based on sales comparables. (You know,

here somebody bought a kind of like yours, with square footage, bedrooms, etc. it was completely different. Normally for a \$100,000 home, owner-occupied, 600,000 runs \$300. Owner-occupied, 600,000-plus gets \$450. Non-owner occupied, 600,000-plus gets \$600. Appraisals must include a report.

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14 SOMERSET RD, PIEDMONT NEW LISTING \$525,000
Room for everyone and a partial Bay view. Gracious living rm, formal dining rm, large master suite & an additional bdrm & ba. The lower level features a lg rumpus, bdrm & ba. HELEN BUTY

1269 GRAND VIEW DRIVE \$1,095,000
This home was designed to be a welcoming retreat w/handcrafted accents throughout. Embraced by a spectacular SF view, w/4+ bdrms/4 1/2 ba. DONALD GRUBB JR



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You'll feel the French influence in this Claremont Pines, 4 yr old custom home. Lovingly designed to merge practical family living with style & elegance. MAVIS DELACROIX

894 LONGRIDGE ROAD NEW LISTING \$739,000
Circa 1928 Spanish Villa by W.E. Schirmer w/hand crafted detailing throughout. Lovely courtyard entry & level garden. 4 bdrms/3 ba with study and sun room. JUDY CAIN

4616 RISING HILL COURT NEW LISTING \$729,000
Exquisite custom home w/fabulous canyon views, cul-de-sac location, master retreat, family room, 4 bdrms/4 1/2 ba media room & 3-car garage. SHERRY BENNINGER



1088 LONGRIDGE ROAD NEW LISTING \$679,000
Stunning one of a kind 4+ bdrms/3 ba Art Deco home w/high ceiling, grand formal rooms, updated kitchen, family room, workshop & level lot. JAMES GARCIA

6045 ESTATES DRIVE NEW PRICE \$599,000
Fabulous top to bottom remodel in great location 4 bdrms/3 ba w/eat-in kitch, fam rm, formal dining rm, cathedral ceilings in the formal living room and view. KAREN STARR

5560 BACON ROAD NEW LISTING \$589,000
This level home on 14 acres, features 4 bdrms/3 ba including a mstr ste & an in-ground pool w/decks & patio. Living room w/hdwd flrs, lg family room & eat-in kitchen. KURT BUCHHOLZ

4305 SAINT CLOUD COURT \$479,000
Lovely Ridgmont Contemporary w/4 bdrms/3 ba Elegant living rm w/fireplace, modern eat-in kitch, spacious family room and large bonus room with built-ins. CARIN CAROE



3987 TURNLEY AVENUE NEW LISTING \$449,000
Enjoy this beautiful Tudor-style home, circa 1938, w/elegant beamed ceiling living rm, 4 bdrms + detached garage w/1bdrm/1ba & rumpus. Park-like gardens w/pool. ANIAN TUNNEY

1690 TRESTLE GLEN RD NEW LISTING \$429,000
Charming Crocker Highlands home w/cosmopolitan ambiance. Gracious living room, dining room & 3+ bdrms/1+ ba. Roof deck with flower boxes. ANGELA GRUBB



111 SEQUOYAH VIEW DR NEW LISTING \$379,000
Designed by Bernard, Wurser & Emmons, overlooking Sequoyah Country Club. Secluded setting, perfect for entertaining. 3+bd/3+ba & fam rm. SHEILA GALLAGHER

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Well maintained 8 yr old 2 story Traditional home w/3+ bdrms/2 1/2 bath w/modern kitch/fam room, master suite, bonus room, deck & spa. MELITTA BEESON



423 ELWOOD AVENUE NEW LISTING \$315,000
Beautiful 2 story Traditional w/charming details & French windows. Immaculate condition, new foundation, lovely garden. Near Grand Ave. & Lakeshore shops. BETTINA BALESTRIERI

5335 BROADWAY TERRACE #301 \$259,000
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This Traditional home offers spacious light filled rms w/4 bdrms/4 ba plus au-pair & one of a kind kitchen. Enjoy the beautiful landscaped garden level out from library. JEAN SIMMONS

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Original tri-level 3 bdrm/2+ ba model w/Bay & bridge views. Lg dining rm w/eat-in kitch, fam rm & 2 decks. ANGELA GRUBB

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Stunning large family home built in 1930's! This property features panoramic bay views! 4+BR, 3.5BA. Library, 2nd downstairs living rm & kitchen! Media/entertainment room! Main kitchen remodeled by Bennett Christopheron. 2 decks, separate garages, hot tub, fenced terraced garden! Private from street. 3,909 sq. ft. per assessor. Susie Schevill, ext. 144. \$840,000



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Sunny gracious Mediterranean style home w/extra large rooms. Tastefully updated kitchen, formal dining room, excellent condition and exquisite gardens. 2BR, 1BA. Carol Neil ext. 14. \$399,000



788 EUCLID AVE.

Panoramic city and bridge view. Newly remodeled kitchen and baths. 4BR, 3BA. Jack McPhail ext. 135. \$675,000

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Furniture

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"They also have an interesting flex and 'give' when you sit down on them."

When the sticks and scrap pieces of old paint or stain, he preserves the original hues, just cleaning them up. "Nobody wants the old dirt," he said. "Just the old colors."

Baldewicz is one of a growing number of Bay Area craftspeople who fabricate unique, useful home furnishings from recycled materials. His work is commissioned by designer Agnes Bourne in the San Francisco Design Center, architect Michael McVarish in San Francisco, and others.

Before devoting himself to furniture-making, Baldewicz was a chemist and nuclear engineer whose hobby was sculpting and photography. His chemistry background led to a furniture finish: his signature

treatment involves applying emulsions of old family photos directly onto the surface of the furniture, in effect making the wood or glass itself the photographic paper.

"I like to use old cabinet doors and drawer fronts for portraits," he said, "because the shape of the piece forms a natural frame."

Among his projects over the past decade, his commissioned pieces have included home entertainment centers, bookcases, and chairs. Most have found homes with architects and designers up and down the Peninsula, and all use woods mostly indigenous to Northern California.

A distinctive look
Surprised to learn that recycled furniture can be both beautiful and exclusive? It's no wonder. Most of us think of furniture recycling as Grandma Winnie's ancient Morris chair finding its way into our first grown-up apartment after college.

While that certainly qualifies as reusing, area designers report more and more upscale buyers looking for distinctive, local art objects made

from materials with a distinct Northern California character shining through.

The trend is both artist- and consumer-driven. Many Bay area residents are also active recyclers of household and office consumable goods, and are now extending that philosophy to durable goods and major purchases as well.

Recycling serves several valuable purposes, according to David Pearson, author of "The Natural House Catalog: Everything You Need to Create an Environmentally Friendly Home." It conserves space in landfills. It spares natural resources that would otherwise be expended creating new items. It keeps materials in one region from having to be transported to other areas to be disposed of or consumed.

Cassandra Adams, of the archi-

ture department at UC-Berkeley, talks about recycled pieces' "embodied energy," the total energy expended in extracting raw materials, production and transportation.

Recycled furniture making is popular enough that at least one area newsletter caters to its practitioners: the "Recycled Materials Newsletter for Bay Area Builders" keeps woodworkers up to speed on estate sales, auctions, salvage projects, and suppliers in this part of the state.

Editor Paul Gardener of Palo Alto tracks components and entire pieces of furniture in his construction-trade travels.

Not all recycled-content furniture is crafted of wood, though. Have you ever wondered what happens to obsolete computer components? At

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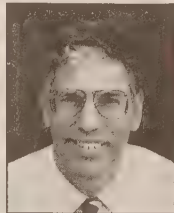
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Furniture

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least one San Francisco firm, Fossil Faux, embeds bits and pieces of mother boards, memory chips and resistors into resin slabs for tables, chairs and room divider screens. They also sell a line of door hardware and drawer pulls made of their resin-fossilized computer chunks. Plate and Palette International in Lafayette carries their line.

Spurred in part by government procurement guidelines specifying percentages of recycled materials for federal properties (such as military housing), many suppliers have sprung up for other home furnishings, as well. Some other recycled-material furnishings:

■ **Futon filling:** polyethylene terephthalate (PET), the principal ingredient in plastic soda bottles, can be spun into a lustrous, durable fiber for use in futon stuffing, carpet, and padding. It requires no further petrochemical agents to turn it into fiber, and it's a great alternative filling for people allergic to other natural fibers used in plush stuffing. It can also be recycled again after a life cycle as carpet or bedding. Futons are sold by catalog from Rising Star, Bend Oregon: 800-828-6711.

■ **Carpet padding and carpet:** Heavy duty carpet pad and colorful floor tile can be made from 100 percent post-consumer tire rubber. A line of 100 percent post-consumer carpet is made by Image Carpet. It's available locally by special order through McCurley's Floor Covering in San Ramon, among others. (The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency specifies that to be called recycled, carpet must include at least 25 percent post-consumer materials, according to Pearson.)

■ **Fine wood furniture:** Exotic hardwoods from old African railroad ties are used to make attractive furniture. Exotic woods used in pallets and shipping crates become fine storage, seating and display pieces, such as those crafted by Berkeley furniture maker John Lavine, who displays work at Tercera Galleries in Palo Alto and Los Gatos, and at Misiugi in Berkeley.

■ **Indoor and patio furniture:** Picnic tables, benches, and storage bins fabricated from recycled milk jugs (HDPE) mixed with compressed sawdust come in several colors and never need painting, sanding, or staining. Cost is somewhat more than solid wood designs: an Adirondack-style deck chair and footstool are \$279 in HDPE from Ecologic, Inc.'s price list, compared with the \$230 L.L. Bean gets for their solid wood version.

■ **Storage:** Strong, sturdy plant shelves that slot together in minutes come from recycled aluminum cans and glass bottles. They're among several clever home furnishings made of recycled paper, glass and aluminum sold by Design Ideas in Springfield, Illinois, and are available in Northern California at Crate and Barrel and Pottery Barn.

■ **Floor tile:** Scrap pieces of used stone, glass and ceramic tiles are pressed into mosaic-look new tiles. One supplier for simulated marble and recycled stone content flooring is Pacific Strategies, Washington, DC, 202-828-2435.

■ **Landscaping and paving:** Crumb rubber from old tires, layered several inches deep, makes durable, colorful paths, driveways, and playgrounds.

If you're interested in being a green consumer, you can verify claims of recycled content, biodegradability and energy efficiency. Look for the stamp of Scientific Certification Systems of Oakland, which certifies such things.

It can sometimes be difficult to track down artisans working in recycled contents. Janet Nunan, showroom manager at Agnes Bourne in the Design Center, said the Center doesn't maintain a directory. But by asking your designer or architect, you may be able to locate an artist working in just the right medium for your home, she said.

Agnes Bourne maintains portfolios of Baldewicz's and others' works for you to browse through. Nunan also can recommend a half-dozen or so "eco-aware" groups with helpful publications, primarily for locating suppliers of raw materials, not finished pieces.

Other good sources for finding craftspeople are local design competitions and art shows, such as California Design 2000, a competition featuring some of the area's finest artists and designers, from November 14 through January 5. It's sponsored by the California Contemporary Craft Association, which used to be called the Baunlines Crafts Guild in the '50s and '60s. Participants are already at work on their entries, even though the show is nearly a year away, according to Baldewicz. He's already going through his sheds and selecting inspiring used woods to start his new design.

RESOURCES

• **Baldewicz (ball-DAY-ich), Bill.** Sebastopol, 707-823-3946. Makes furniture from found wood, old furniture. Photo emulsion finishes.

• **Bourne, Agnes.** Interior Design. Showplace 220, San Francisco Design Center, 2 Henry Adams St., San Francisco, 94103, 415-626-6883. High-end collections of modern classic pieces.

• **Design Ideas,** Springfield, Illinois, 800-426-6394. Catalog of home furniture and accessories made from recycled paper, glass and aluminum. Local retailers available.

• **EcoLogic, Inc.,** 1140 Elizabeth Ave., Waukegan IL, 60085, 800-899-8004. Interior and outdoor furniture made from EcoLumber, an extruded material made of recycled HDPE milk bottles.

• **Fossil Faux,** San Francisco, 415-861-1933. Tables are available to the design trade through Milieux, 415-241-0331. Hardware is available at Plate and Palette International, Lafayette, 925-299-2630.

• **Gardner, Paul.** Recycled Materials Newsletter for Bay Area Builders, Palo Alto, 650-856-0634.

• **Lavine, John,** Kodama Woodworks, Berkeley, 510-486-8118.

• **Northern California Recycling Association,** 510-558-0991.

• **Scientific Certification Systems,** 1939 Harrison, Ste. 400, Oakland CA 94612, 510-832-1415. Tests environmental, food safety claims, conducts life-cycle assessments.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Friday, March 12

Luncheon. Women's Council of Realtors St Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held at H'Lordship Restaurant, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley. The \$20 fee includes lunch and program. Speaker: Steve Jamison, co-author of "The Wisdom of Wood: A lifetime of observations and reflections on and off the court." RSVP Ramona Chang (510) 482 3800.

Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14

Plant sale and gala. The California Horticultural Society is hosting a plant sale and gala from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Dr., Oakland (off Grand near Lake Merritt). Saturday's cost to nonmembers is \$10, and includes refreshments, first chance to buy and plant treat-

ures auction. On Sunday the event is free and includes a general sale with plant experts and thousands of plants on hand.

Wednesday, March 17

Seminar. Reverse mortgage seminar for senior homeowners will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the El Cerrito Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Blvd. Free and impartial information about reverse mortgages and other home equity conversion alternatives available to homeowners 62 and above. For registration, call ECHO Housing at (510) 271-7931.

Thursday, March 18

Rhododendrons. The California chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland.

Ruben Gusman, Satsuki azalea specialist, will present slides on azaleas for bonsai. Call (510) 222-9664.

Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28

Cymbidiums. The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society's 10th Annual

Show and Sale will be held Saturday, March 27th and Sunday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. free; Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland's side Park. The show will include Cymbidium Society of America, orchid raffish and demonstrations. Call (510) 271-7931 for details.

Ongoing

Counseling. Consumer Counseling Service, a non-profit community service organization, has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. For information call (800) 501-5011. The workshops cover Oakland's changing landmarks, churches and on one of the free guided tours sponsored by the community and Economic Development Agency. Call (510) 238-3244.

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Fees

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single family homes are \$450 to \$600; units two to four are \$600 to \$700. The appraisal fee is usually paid directly (COD) to the appraiser or to the bank.

Document preparation. This is the lender's fee, whether working with a bank or a broker. Once a lender has your file, there are three main functions they perform: processing and underwriting, drawing loan documents and funding.

Every lender has a different price tag on these functions, but the gross broad range is \$500 to \$700.

Private mortgage insurance (PMI). This one's a killer and rapidly losing favor. Once, any loan over 80 percent loan to value, especially first-time homebuyers, were saddled with this junk fee — that is, one that doesn't make any sense except to the entity making the profit. This is a fee to protect the lender's risk. If the borrower(s) defaults, the insurance protects the mortgage holder.

Some lenders today will "self insure" by increasing the interest rate and points for the loan (and margin and lifecap if an adjustable rate mortgage) up to 90 percent loan-to-value.

If you are going for a "first-time homebuyers" loan or any loan with less than 10 percent down payment, be prepared to be saddled with an up-front cost of approximately .95 percent of the loan amount and an ongoing monthly payment anywhere from .66 percent to .80 percent of the loan amount (divided by 12).

You will have to pay that until you can prove that your loan is below 80 percent loan to value.

Escrow fee. In every real estate transaction, escrow serves as the non-biased (and often the peace

maker) third party to the transaction. Your escrow officer is the conduit between lender, real estate agent and/or mortgage broker and you.

The fee is based on the loan amount if a refinance, and the sales price if a purchase. Fees range from \$290 to \$930 for loans up to \$1 million. Loans more than \$1 million usually are by special quote, which the client agrees to in writing.

Title insurance. This is one of the biggies. If you are purchasing, you will need an owner's policy as well as a lender's policy (if you are financing the property).

The owner's policy is based on the purchase price. The lender's policy is on the loan amount. The combined policy ranges from \$600 to \$2,000.

Why do you need title insurance? That is a sprawling topic better covered at a later time, but suffice to say, the litigation costs involved when someone disputes your claim to ownership would be 10 or maybe 20 times the cost of insurance.

Miscellaneous. Also figure on recording, tax service, drawing and notary fees. And just for the hell of it, I usually throw in an additional \$100 for anything I might have missed, such as wire, overnight mail charges and/or additional document draw charges for power of attorney, a second trust deed or quit claim deed.

The County records the deed of trust for about \$50. The state sets up communication between your lender and them to make sure you pay your taxes in a timely manner — or the state tattles. For that you pay another \$75.

Pay off and demand fees for refinances. When your old loan is paid off, your old lender will charge you anywhere from \$100 to \$200 to give this information to the escrow company. They will report your principal balance plus any accrued interest due.

Take heart, the above are the non-recurring costs. They only happen one time, at the close of escrow. Most

of the fees represent your "finance charge" and your APR.

You should seek the advice of a competent accountant or tax person on how these fees affect your tax return. Of course, if you have elected to go to a no-cost loan, or if you are fortunate enough to have a seller who is paying your non-recurring closing costs, you need not concern yourself with the tax benefit of the non recurring closing costs.

Recurring closing costs

Prepaid interest. The day of the month you close will determine how many days of interest are due on your new loan. When you make your mortgage payment, you are paying in arrears for the previous month.

So, if you closed your purchase or refinance on January 5, your first payment would be due on March 1. That payment covers the interest and principal due for February. There would be 25 days of prepaid interest due for the remainder of January.

Tax proration on purchase. The tax fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The seller of the property is responsible to pay through the day the property closes escrow.

The buyer pays the balance of the fiscal year's taxes owed. So, the buyer could pay from one day to 12 months of taxes depending on the time of the year escrow closes.

During a refinance, if you close escrow within 60 days of when either your first or second installment is due, the state requires that you pay

that tax installment through escrow.

Fire insurance. When purchasing, the lender requires a policy for one full year to be paid in advance through escrow.

For qualification purposes we use a factor of .325 of the loan amount. You may buy more insurance, but this is the minimum the lender requires.

When refinancing, most lenders require at least six months remain of the term of your policy or they require that the policy be re-written for a year from the date of close and paid for through escrow.

Impound accounts. When the loan amount exceeds 80 percent of the value in the property, most lenders require that you pay your taxes and fire insurance with your monthly payment. This is above and beyond taxes and insurance they have already collected from you.

They will usually collect two to three months of payment to set up these escrow accounts.

Recurring closing costs may not be paid by the seller or the mortgage lender through rebate pricing. So, when someone tells you that they can get you a no-cost loan, they are considering only the non-recurring closing costs of the loan.

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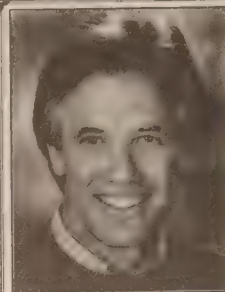
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By Tarpoiff and Talbert

Dana is stressed. She's moved all those times before and she knows how to do it. She is unusually well organized and a very hard worker. Still, moving is hard.

At the moment she's most anxious about where the family will live. They haven't yet rented or bought a house.

A couple of weeks ago, they visited San Antonio for the first time, staying in the hotel where Todd is now working. They were there for five days during which they first looked at rental houses but, finding nothing suitable, they looked at houses for sale — 60 of them.

Dana says most houses in the area are new or newer large, single story, ranch-style houses, many with pools. There are a number available on large lots and in good school districts for less than \$250,000.

The all-similar, newer houses Dana saw ran together in her mind. What she really wants is an old house, one with individuality, some character and quality, a house that she would work on, add wallpaper and paint, spiff up to her own high standards.

She saw only one such house during her visit to Texas, and now she tells me, "I can't get it out of my mind."

The minute she returned to Oregon, she faxed me the multiple listing sheet and an inspection report on her chosen house. The photo isn't very clear but I can see what attracts Dana to this 70-year-old house. It's a two-story, elegant looking Craftsman-like house set among large trees and shrubs. Prominent wooden truss work and heavy beams stand out across the top and there are wide, overhanging roof eaves below. Three tall rectangular wooden windows are placed at the front, each topped with identical clerestory sections.

I know nothing about houses in Texas, how they are constructed,

what they're worth. Even after reading the blurred fax about this house, I can't tell if it is good. It may be that the house has foundation problems, needs some electrical work and a new roof, but maybe not.

The foundation, for instance, is not a concrete perimeter foundation, as we are used to in earthquake-prone California. It is instead built on piers. Is this the norm in Texas? I don't know and Dana doesn't either.

I ask Dana if they have hurricanes or tornadoes there. She thinks that this part of Texas is safe from natural disasters and that the land is solid and rocky. So maybe pier foundations are adequate and typical.

The inspector has noted a roof leak but he does not reveal the age of the roof, nor is an estimate available for repair or replacement. It's impossible to know, from the information we have, what the roof needs.

There are, too, numerous other defects noted in the inspection report, as there usually are on inspection reports. Many of these are probably minor, but most will require some attention and money.

The house has been on the market for six months. Dana says she

thinks that's a long time, that houses in San Antonio seem to sell, on average, in 60 days. I ask why she thinks this one hasn't sold. Do buyers prefer newer houses? Is it not selling due to its condition? This house doesn't have a swimming pool; could that be why it is still available?

Dana thinks the house is probably overpriced at \$229,000. She's been told that the seller turned down two offers for around \$200,000.

Also, it's probably true that most people want a newer home and agents find it easier to sell newer ones: less negotiating, surer appraisals. This house needs cosmetics, too. The kitchen doesn't show well, for example, but could look much better with small changes.

I tell my friend that she needs her own inspector; she must somehow locate a trustworthy and well-informed person who can look at the house and give her some perspective about what is right and what is wrong with this house. Can her agent recommend someone? And, I ask, what does her agent say about why this house hasn't sold? Is Dana the only person preferring to live in an old house in San Antonio? If Dana

and Todd buy it, will it be hard to sell when they leave?

This last question brings us to oft-repeated conversations between us. Why are they buying instead of renting? They have never lived in Texas, have no idea if they will like it there. They can't possibly know in what neighborhood they will prefer to live, where will be the best place for Maddie to go to school, and so forth.

And they don't know how long they'll stay in Texas. Doesn't it make the most sense, I ask for the twentieth time, to rent first and buy later?

"I know, I know," Dana wails. "I am hoping we'll be in one spot for five years, maybe even eight years, this time. . . . Todd is already there, and Maddie and I are still here, and the snow is still deep, and the moving van is coming, and I want to know where I'm going."

She pauses to take a breath. "And I just can't get this house out of my mind."

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mstr rms. Workshop. Level lot. GRUBB Co, James Garcia 339-0400

SUNNYHILLS. Crocker Highlands. 3+bd/2+ba. New Listing. \$649,500
S Colonial. Family rm, mstr bdrm w/frpl. Pacific Union, Debi 339-6460

ROSEBUD RD. 3+bd/2+ba. Lavish & sophisticated. Custom
w/fin w/fin Fab kitchen. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

BERKIDALE. Upper Rockridge. Indulge yourself! Wonderful newly
dwd w/marble, granite, maple. Frpl, FDR, level yd.
Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X264

BUCKINGHAM BL. Oakland Hills. 4+bd/3ba. New brown shingle \$599,000
w/fin w/fin. Family room. Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

WINDING HILL. Hiller Highlands. Just Listed. 3bd/3ba with
great views! LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900

ESTATES DR. Fab top to bottom remodel. 4bd/3ba w/EIK, FDR, \$599,000
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views in LR. Family rm, EIK. GRUBB Co, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

WINE NEEDLE DR. Off Broadway Terrace nr Skyline Dr. \$559,950
3450 sq. ft. Dblio Realty 925-933-9300 Ask for Charlotte 1-4

DOCTOR AVE. Upper Rockridge. 4+bd/3ba. New Listing. \$549,500
3 frpls, bay w/vs, ez commute. Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 449-6460

WINDING HILL. Montclair. 4bd/4+ba. New Listing! Secluded \$549,000
w/fin w/fin. Luxurious mstr suite. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

WINDING HILL. Montclair. Artist's renovation of Spanish Revivalist. \$549,000
w/fin w/fin. Garden. Prudential CA, Julie Nachtwy 540-8743 2-5

WINDING HILL. Montclair. 3+bd/3ba. Super high quality! \$495,000
w/fin w/fin. Construction. Prudential CA 845-0200, Annet Sussman 287-5857

WINDING HILL. Montclair. Level-1n 3bd/2.5ba w/FDR & \$479,000
w/fin w/fin. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

WINDING HILL. Montclair. 4/3+bd/2+ba w/elegant LR w/ \$479,000
w/fin w/fin. Family & bonus rms. GRUBB Co, Carin Caroe 339-0400

WINDING HILL. Montclair. New Listing! Charming 3bd/2ba home. \$475,000
w/fin w/fin. Garden. Walk to shops & BART. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

WINDING HILL. Rockridge. Spacious Craftsman. 4+bd/2ba. Walk to \$470,000
w/fin w/fin. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

WINDING HILL. Hiller. 2+bd/3ba end unit w/SF/GG Views! Vaulted \$469,000
w/fin w/fin. Garden patio w/hot tub. Prudential CA 845-0211, Gayle 898-9409 2-4

WINDING HILL. Beautiful Tudor style c.1938. Elegant refinished \$449,000
w/fin w/fin. Det'd gar w/1/1 & rumpus. Gardens w/fish pond.
Rock RE Broker, Anian Tunney 339-0400

WINDING HILL. Elmhurst. New Listing! 4bd/1+ba sunny brown \$439,000
w/fin w/fin. FDR & parlor. Oak/Berk border. Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

WINDING HILL. Montclair. 4bd/3ba. Private, sunny retreat. \$439,000
w/fin w/fin. LaSalle Properties, Lois Johnson 339-8900

WINDING HILL. Montclair. 5bd/3ba. Over 3200 sq ft surrounded by \$439,000
w/fin w/fin. Seller motivated/price reduced! Prudential CA, Roxanne 869-5609

WINDING HILL. Rockridge Trad'l. Charming sunny split level. \$439,000
w/fin w/fin. Frpl, lg deck overlooks back garden. Coldwell Banker, Norm 339-1174

WINDING HILL. Quiet country road. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

WINDING HILL. 3+bd/1+ba. Roof deck w/flower boxes. GRUBB, Angela Grubb 339-0400

WINDING HILL. Sequoyah Hills. 3bd/3ba 2-story trad'l w/patio \$399,000
w/fin w/fin. 2 frpls. Immaculate! Prudential CA, Barbara Hopper 845-0200

WINDING HILL. New Listing! Spacious & bright 3+bd/3ba nr Lakeshore. \$399,000
w/fin w/fin. Seller work. Atkinson & Gallinatti, Dorie 765-9901

WINDING HILL. Crocker Highlands. 4+bd/3.5ba Brown Shingle w/fin w/fin \$399,000
w/fin w/fin. 1/1m/SF! Nthly Mt lot. NW roof & furnace. Prudential CA, Felicia 339-9290

111 SEQUOYAH VIEW DR. Overlooks Country Club. 3+bd/3+ba. \$379,000
Secluded. Perfect for entertaining. GRUBB Co, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

100 CLARENDON CRESCENT. Crocker Highlands. Stately & bright \$369,000
4+3. For Sale By Owner. Will co-operate w/buyers/brokers. 839-1719

1925 MANZANITA. Montclair. First Open! Sunfitted 3/2.5 contemp. \$369,000
w/fin w/fin. EIK. Hdws. Decks & privacy. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

2341 PELHAM PL. Montclair. 3bd/2+ba. New Listing! Level-in ranch \$369,000
style w/fin w/fin & canyon vws. Mstr w/spa. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

630 66TH ST. NEW PRICE! Fabulous 2 homes on one lot! Move-in \$369,000
condition. John Stasky & Co. 525-8800 2-4

2770 ARGYLE ST. Montclair Flier. Walk to schools & shops. Reduced \$350,000
for fast sale. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 2-5

5807 MORPETH ST. Upper Rockridge. Just Listed! Delightful 2bdrm \$329,000
trad'l w/deco details & lovely garden. Templeton Co, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133 2-5

3908 ENOS AVE. First Open! 4+bd/3ba fab family home. \$329,000
LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900

5625 SNAKE RD. Close-in Montclair. Gracious & spacious trad'l. \$329,000
Glorious level lot. 3bd/2ba & lanai. Special. Coldwell Banker, Rachel Baller 339-1174

5363 MANILA. Duplex. Brownshingle, semi-fixer. Prime location! \$329,000
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Racht 486-1495 2-4

1 KINGWOOD RD. 2-story Trad'l. Well maintained. 3+bd/2 1/2 ba. \$329,000
Bonus room, deck, and spa. GRUBB Co, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

14 CRESTMONT DR. Bay View Home. Great living. 3bd/2 1/2 ba. Deck. \$319,000
Double pane windows. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4800

423 ELWOOD AVE. Beautiful 2-story trad'l w/charming details. Near \$315,000
Grand Ave & Lakeshore shops. Garden. GRUBB Co, Bettina Baestrieri 339-0400

3524 VICTOR. Charming Redwood Hts Tudor. 3/1. Inlaid flrs, corner \$309,000
btl-in & bay window. Garden. Peek of bay. Coldwell Banker, Ruby/Karen 339-1174

5138 DESMOND ST. Nr Rockridge. 3bd/2ba. Split-level. Hardwood \$299,000
floors. Large kitchen. Yard. Location! John 1-800-467-1998 X2002 2-5

4024 COOLIDGE. Lincoln Hts. 3+2+ sunny split level in grt nightrd. \$289,000
Family rm. Lg level yd. Mstr suite. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

294 PERKINS ST. Near the lake. Charming 2/1. Formal LR & DR. \$267,000
Hdwd floors, & more. "AS IS" & trust sale. Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

5335 BROADWAY TER #301. Smashing Rockridge 2/2 condo w/new \$259,000
paint & carpet in mstr. EIK. Nr BART & shops. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400

3952 CANON. Glenview. NEW LISTING! 2-story Brown Shingle in \$256,000
romantic creekside setting. 2bd/2ba, including mstr bdrm suite. Gourmet kitchen is
level out to garden. Wood-burning fireplace. KEYNOTE PROPERTIES 415-447-8201

749 MCKINLEY AVE. Haddon Hill. 1925 4bd/1ba. 1st time on Market! \$249,500
TLC, but what potential! Prudential CA 834-2010, John Bell 287-9856 2-5

3810 MIDVALE AVE. Laurel District. 2+bd/1ba. Stunning craftsman \$239,000
w/home office. LaSalle Properties, Anida Weyl 339-8900 2-5

260 CALDECOTT #114. Parkwoods Condos. \$230,000
Prudential CA Realty, Carol Heath Kim 527-9800 1-4

484 63RD ST. North Oakland. New Listing! Victorian era fixer needs \$219,000
your imagination! 3/2. LR/DR w/btl-ins. Lg kit. Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

260 CALDECOTT LN #207. Parkwoods Condos. Custom painted, \$169,900
Golden Gate model. Afternoon sunshine. Quiet. Prudential CA, UII 273-9444 2-5

5016 CAMDEN. Maxwell Park. 2bd w/bay view. Tastefully updt'd kit. \$169,000
Refin hdws, 2-car garage, huge yd. Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

4100 MERA ST. Another good house for a good price! Big 4/3 on a \$159,800
corner lot. Family rm. 2-car gar. Big yd. Prudential CA, Steven Sin 869-3904 2-5

4368 BENNETT PL. Redwood Hts. 2bd/1ba. New Listing! Charming \$159,000
cottage w/prvacy. Clean & neat. Grt nightrd. Pacific Union, Diane McCan 339-6460

3550 SUTER ST. Diamond. 2bd/1ba classy Craftsman w/lots of warm \$149,000
woods. Sunny kitchen. Yard. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 2-5

3009 DAVIS ST. Fruitvale. 2bd/1ba on quiet cul-de-sac off Fruitvale. \$142,900
Includes det'd studio/office. Prudential CA, Nancy Bailey 845-0200

3250 DELAWARE ST. Laurel District. 2bd/1ba. Try this for a starter. \$140,000
Homes-Link, Frank 748-5300

5343 BROADWAY TER #403. Rockridge. Light & airy 1/1 w/secure \$97,500
pkg. Walk to shops, enjoy golf, fine restaurants. Prudential CA, Miriam 898-9411

5335 BROADWAY TER #102. Elegant Rockridge 2bd/2ba condo. \$97,500
Minutes to College Ave. Frpl, garage, storage. GRUBB Co, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400

ALBANY OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

631 SAN CARLOS. New Listing! One Owner/Never before on Market. \$289,000
2bd/1ba. Sweet rear garden. EIK & FDR. Berkeley Hills RE, Nancy 524-9888 X20

BERKELEY OPEN SUNDAY

222 GRAVATT. Claremont. Lovely 4/3.5 w/phenomenal vws! 1st class \$799,000
craftsman's plan. 1 acre. Prudential CA 845-0200, Susan Ellison 287-8818 2-4:30

2253 GLEN AVE. 3bd/2ba. Spectacular remodel throughout w/family \$698,000
room. Unique property w/waterfall! Lawton Assoc., Lou Lovotti 547-5970 1-5

593 THE ALAMEDA. Thousand Oaks. Gorgeous & spacious 3+2/2.5. \$665,000
3 levels. Family rm, den/music rm, remod kit, greenhouse, workshop, great deck.
Berkeley Hills Realty, Peter Damm 524-9888 X13 2-4

22 SAN MATEO RD. Just Listed! Beautifully restored 1914 home nr \$599,000
Indian Rock Park. 4/3 w/bay vws. Flex floor plan on 3 levels. Secluded back garden.
Berkeley Hills Realty, Jean Auka 524-9888 X16 2-4

2928 LINDEN AVE. New Listing! Prairie style, 1913. 3/2 w/office. \$575,000
Remod kit/baths. Terrace. Templeton Co, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 2-4:30

1175 KEITH. Romantic hills setting. 2 loft-style bdrms. \$395,000
Coldwell Banker, Lucy Armentrout-Ma 486-1495 2-4

429 KENTUCKY. 2+bd/1ba total charmer in the hills! Filtered view. \$369,000
Lush garden & patio. Prudential CA 845-0211, Julie Lehman 845-6021 2-4:30

1243 HENRY. Charming Brownshingle. 4bd/2ba. \$349,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 2-4

1059 SIERRA RD. Northridge. 3bd/2b, bright & fresh. Lovely yd. Primo \$349,000
location/stroll to Solano! Prudential CA 428-0900 Chris Neddersen 527-0174 2-5

682 EISENADEN. New Listing. Sunny gracious 2bd/1ba Med style. \$335,000
FDR, updt'd kit. Exquisite gardens. Templeton Co, Carol Nell 652-2133 X146 2-4

570 NELSON. Wonderful 2/1 Med in Thousand Oaks. EIK w/French \$319,000
doors to garden. Det'd gar. Templeton Co, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 2-5

1353 BERKELEY WAY. 2bd/1ba. Fab rehab! All new kit & appliances. \$239,000
FDR, garage, walk to BART. Prudential CA 428-0900, Glass/Sabine 644-5412 2-4

1129 BLAKE ST. Charming & newly renovated 3+bd/2ba ranch style \$235,000
w/large patio area. Prudential CA, Caroline Slotemaker 845-0200 2-4:30

2314 SPAULDING. 2bd/1ba Craftsman Bungalow. Quiet tree-lined \$235,000
street. FDR, fenced yd, garage. Prudential CA, Darrin Tinsley 843-2010 2-4:30

1822 #2 BERKELEY WAY. Light-filled 2/1 condo. (Could be 3bd). \$229,000
Spacious upstairs unit in duplex. Vaulted ceilings. Convenient location.
Thornwall Properties, Colleen Larkin 848-1950 X240 2-4

2763 DOHR ST. 2bdrm. 1 bath. Great Starter. \$149,800
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290 2-4:30

EL CERRITO OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1025 ARLINGTON. Just Listed! Alpine Lodge w/GG & bay vws! 6bd, \$875,000
4ba on secluded acre. 22' x 40' LR, DR, large kitchen. One level living!
Berkeley Hills Realty, Maya Trilling 524-9888 X18

1307 DEVONSHIRE CT. Fab GG View! 5/3 (2 mstr suites) in EC Hills. \$429,000
Office/studio potential. Pool. Deck. Marlin Gardens 527-9111, Herman Sun 559-2979

7029 CUTTING BL. 2+bd/2ba w/piano views. Den, bonus rm. Nice \$345,000
level yd. Walk to BART. Must See! Prudential CA 526-5143, Lloyd Jung 644-5215

7807 POTRERO AVE. New Listing. 3bd/2ba. Best location. Family rm, \$279,000
large level yard. Prudential CA 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434 2-4:30

5432 POINSETT \$252,000
Prudential CA Realty 527-9800

PIEDMONT OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

320 SEAVIEW AVE. 4bd/4ba. Lovely gardens & patio. Quality \$850,000
accents. Lovely street! The GRUBB Co, Jean Simmons 339-0400

15 LITTLEWOOD DR. Great Piedmont Contemporary 4bdrm, 2.5ba \$675,000
family home. Homes-Link, James 748-5300

14 SOMERSET RD. Partial Bay View. FDR, gracious LR, lg mstr suite & \$525,000
add'l bd/ba. Lower level w/rumpus, bd & ba. GRUBB Co, Helen Bui 339-0400

Edwardian

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was associated with Julia Morgan's office.

Actually, Julia Morgan did not begin her practice until 1905. In 1902 she was still finishing her architectural degree program at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Once I had established the accurate historical facts about this property, I discussed the best way to describe the property in the advertising materials.

The building had brown shingles on the facade and various Early American details that came from the Colonial Revival movement. It also had elements of the First Bay Tradition in its use of natural materials and its unique and flexible floor plan.

After much discussion, I suggested that this building should be advertised as an "Elegant Edwardian Duplex," as it had been built in 1902 and had elements of various different styles.

The sellers agreed. Describing their building as an elegant Edwardian duplex had several advantages: it would grab peoples' attention, it was historically correct, and the term Edwardian conjured up images of lavish architecture.

It turned out to be a wise choice

— we received two offers during the listing.

What's in the Presidio Terrace area?

In 1995, I was asked by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to teach a series of seminars on marketing historic properties based on my own similar seminars, "Selling a Piece of History".

These classes were held in major cities across the country and were designed for Realtors (as well as homeowners) who wanted to know more about the accurate use of architectural term for advertising historic properties.

One of these seminars was held in San Francisco and was attended by several of my colleagues from the San Francisco offices of Mason McDuffie Real Estate, (which later merged with Prudential California Real Estate).

One of the students at the San Francisco seminar, Susan Tseng, was a fairly new agent who was concerned about the proper marketing of an upcoming listing of a historic property near the Presidio Terrace area.

This property was a multiple unit building with an unusually eclectic array of exterior ornamental detail. The roof was made of Mediterranean red clay tiles; there was a neoclassic frieze with garlands below a cornice line accented by dentils; there were

angled bays with pilasters between the windows.

At the entrance was an ornate Colonial Revival portico. It was quite a challenge to describe this building stylistically in a single phrase.

I finally suggested that Susan Tseng should advertise this property as a classic Edwardian apartment building. Within a couple of weeks, Tseng received three offers, including one at full price "as is." Those buyers ended up closing escrow on the property.

All of the buyers who wrote offers mentioned that they had been intrigued by the historic description.

Next week: We will explore some of the finest examples of Edwardian Era architecture in neighborhoods such as Alameda's Gold Coast, Piedmont's "Gilded Uplands," Oakland's Rockridge district and Berkeley's Claremont Uplands and Elmwood areas.

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Cycle

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eration the price per square foot. This quickly lets you compare.

For example, it would be useful for you to know that few of the upper-end new homes in the Oakland and Berkeley hills sell for much more than \$300 per square foot.

A top-of-the-line, new, 3700 square foot house with a fabulous Bay view might sell for \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000. At the higher price, this is \$324 per square foot.

What if you are one of 12 buyers bidding on an 1100 square foot property listed at \$305,000? You love the house, but how much should you offer? At the asking price it comes to \$277 per square foot, already a high number. But with all this competition, the highest bid could exceed \$400,000, more than \$364 per square foot.

Sellers and agents need restraint

We are in the midst of a vicious cycle: you, as a seller, see your neigh-

bor's house sell for \$400,000. You feel your home is much better and must be worth more.

Your agent wants the listing and fears you will list with someone else unless he goes along with your price. In this crazy market, you might even get it. You may have, however, ended up with an even higher price if you had listed lower. Why? Because, assuming full marketing and exposure, a price perceived as low will engender competitive bids.

Besides price, the other reason for you as a seller to act with restraint is the possibility of better terms from the buyer.

As an example, if you have a \$7000 pest control (termite) report and you receive multiple offers, one or more of the buyers could offer full price or more and accept the pest control "As is." This would result in an additional \$7000 in your pocket.

Also, in competitive bidding, buy-

ers tend to be more flexible when you will give something low the buyer to move it. It may be very helpful in easing the market may prevail.

Final thought: Seller's market may prevail

Like the stock market, real estate sales and prices could see an upward march in the near future. A continuing upward trend combined with low inventory could fuel a much longer seller's market.

Regardless of its direction, the market is neither good nor bad just is. Buyers and sellers must understand it in its historical context and where we are in it.

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Offered for \$679,000
James Garcia
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 p.m.



6032 Acacia Avenue, Claremont Pines

You will feel the French influence from the moment you arrive at this custom built, four year old home. Lovingly designed by a family member for the current owners, this home merges practical family living with elegance and style.

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5560 Bacon Road, Oakland

Located in Hillcrest Estates this completely level lot is situated on 1.4 acres and includes an in-ground pool and patio. Gorgeous hardwood floors add warmth to the room and kitchen. Adjacent to the kitchen, the spacious room is ideal for family living. With four bedrooms and full bathrooms including a master suite, this home has a floor plan. OFFERED AT \$589,000

Kurt Buchholz
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New listing. In the heart of Rockridge you'll find the home to love with richly detailed interior, lg formal rms, city kt, sunny gdn. Walk to shops and BRT in minutes! 5541 Taft M.J. MC CONVILLE 287-9583



FABULOUS BAY VIEW.....\$319,000
New listing! Level living in 3BR Crestmont home. Deck, double paneled windows. Consider share possibilities w/doublers rum-pus & patio. 14 Crestmont. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 287-9585



MAXWELL PARK: NEW ON THE MARKET.....\$229,000
Wonderful split level contemporary with 3BR, 2BA, laundry room and fireplace, 3-car attached garage. Good view of downtown Francisco. MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9585

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NEW SINGLE STORY CUSTOM HOME!.....\$795,000
Nestled among mature trees on this flat Alamo 1/2 acre, is this beautiful 4BR plus den home. High ceilings! Very elegant! CAROLYN HASTINGS (925) 837-2200

MAGICAL GARDEN SETTING.....\$475,000
New listing! Charming Rockridge traditional w/ gleaming hardwood floors, formal dining room and cook's kitchen. Large studio, minutes to BART and shops. Open Sun 2-4:30. 6115 Harwood. M.J. MC CONVILLE 287-9583

COMING SOON! AN OASIS OF SERENITY.....\$469,000
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Journal March 04, 11, 1999

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Mitsubishi 3000GT VR-4 takes to road

Distinctive lines set fleet V6 ride apart

SCENE: 10 WHEELS

By Tom Keane

If the Mitsubishi 3000GT VR-4 doesn't quicken your pulse, call an undertaker. This is one sports car that creates excitement even while it's parked.

When I first laid eyes on it, I had to walk around the car a couple of times just to make sure that what I was about to drive was for real. The front of the 2+2 is very low, the sides sculptured, the alloy wheels are 18-inch chrome plated, and the rear spoiler towers almost above the roof line.

This spoiler is so distinctive it reminded me of a goal post without the uprights.

Not only did the VR-4 catch my eye, I could feel the stares as I drove down the street, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

I also enjoyed merely touching the gas pedal and feeling immediate acceleration. The VR-4 has a 3.0-liter V6 engine that produces 320 horsepower. It also produces 320 lbs-ft of torque at a very low



THE NEW Mitsubishi 3000GT VR-4 kicks into action with a tap on the gas.

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Olds Alero a sporty coupe your wallet just might enjoy

Looking for a sporty coupe that won't bust your savings account? Look no further than the new Oldsmobile Alero.

Olds offers the Alero, which completes their Centennial Anniversary model lineup, as either a sedan or coupe in three trim levels — GX, GL and GLS. There is also a sport-tuned version of the GLS coupe and sedan.

Our test car was the GL Coupe which came with a base sticker price of \$18,355. As equipped, including destination, the total price came to \$19,535. Not bad considering the high content of standard equipment.

All Alero models come with automatic transmission, air conditioning, disc brakes at all four corners with ABS and power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering.

Marion spent the most time behind the wheel of the Alero and was impressed by its handling, the perkiness of its four-cylinder engine and its general comfort.

She enjoyed the air conditioner/heater and sound systems. "They are simple and easy to use — and you can't say that about all cars," Marion said.

Our bright red coupe is a handsome vehicle. The lines are clean, and as modern as tomorrow's newscast. It also has a flair that is often missing in vehicles in this price range.

The exterior design draws styling elements from the flagship of the Olds line, the Aurora: clear lens head lamps and tail lamps, low-mounted dual air intakes, fluted side sculpting, round wheel openings, and six-spoke wheels.

Oldsmobile execs say the Alero is aimed at those in their late 30s and would-be import buyers. They list Chrysler's Sebring and Dodge Avenger as its domestic competitors while the Honda Accord Coupe and Mitsubishi

Road test

By Arnold Wechter

Eclipse are the import targets.

There also is another competitor — Pontiac's Grand Am.

The Alero and Grand Am are near-twins using the same platform and powertrains. The Alero offers more subdued styling and a tamer suspension while the Grand Am provides cladding and other styling tweaks aimed at younger buyers.

The standard engine in GX and GL models is a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine which produces 150 horsepower at 5600 rpm and 155 ft/lbs of torque. The torque curve is flat between 2400 and 4400 rpm and delivers 155 ft/lbs throughout that range.

We both found that this provided excellent around-town driveability and agile acceleration on the road.

It also proved to be a quiet engine and thanks to the dual balance shafts in the oil sump the secondary vibrations inherent to all four-cylinder engines are eliminated.

The engine achieves Low Emission Vehicle status without need for a warm-up catalytic converter, air-injection system, or exhaust gas recirculation.

This translates into reduced operating costs over the life of the car.

Like most four-cylinder engines, it is also miserly when it comes to fuel. The EPA rates it at 21 mpg city and 29 mpg highway.

We logged 25.8 mpg in combined city and highway mileage.

A 3.4-liter engine is optional on GL cars and standard on GLS models.

The standard automatic transmission shifts smoothly and is well

See Alero, Page D3



THE OLDSMOBILE ALERO, at \$19,535, boasts plenty of standard features.

OLDSMOBILE ALERO

- Type: 2-door coupe
- Base price: \$18,355
- Engine: inline-4 with iron block and aluminum heads, transversely mounted, front drive
- Displacement: 2392 cc
- Horsepower: 150 bhp @ 5600 rpm
- Torque: 155 ft/lbs @ 4400 RPM

- Transmission: 4-speed automatic transaxle
- Steering: power assisted rack-and-pinion, variable assist
- Brakes: power-assisted rear and front discs with four-wheel ABS
- Wheelbase: 107.0 in.
- Overall length: 186.7 in., width: 70.1 in., height: 54.5 in.
- Curb weight: 3,026 lbs.
- Fuel capacity: 15.0 gal.
- EPA rating: 21 mpg city, 29 mpg highway

ON THE FLY

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Registration is open for the giant Pacific Coast Dream Machines, one of the west coast's biggest shows featuring 2,000 driving, flying and working machines.

The show will be held at the Half Moon Bay Airport on Sunday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The airport is off Highway 1, five miles north of Highway 92, and 20 miles south of San Francisco. Call (650) 726-2328 or visit the show's Web site at mirarevents.com.

DIAMOND BAR

Import Auto Salon set to open March 26-28

The second run of The Import Auto Salon, produced by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), will open at the Fairplex in Pomona March 26-28.

The show features high-performance products, and technology driving the import performance market, which is worth more than \$100 million annually in retail sales. It is the fastest-growing niche in the aftermarket.

Exhibits will be open all three days for the trade and open half a day Saturday and all day Sunday. The Salon is a working show for automotive aftermarket professionals, including tuners, installers, converters, restylers, race teams, tire and wheel stores and car dealers.

SACRAMENTO

August 19-22 for Sierra Trek 4WD event

Sierra Trek, the largest all-volunteer four-wheel drive event in the U.S., is scheduled for Aug. 19-22 at Meadow Lake in high Sierra.

Hosted by the California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, the 33rd annual Sierra Trek event is expected to draw 1,500 to 2,000 participants from throughout the western United States.

"Our registration opened on March 1 and we encourage interested four-wheelers to register as early as possible," said Bob Reed, Sierra Trek 99 chairman. "In addition to having a great time four-wheeling in some beautiful areas in the back country, we offer a host of other activities for children and adults."

-From wire reports

Not all 'cars of the year' are created — or reported — equally

Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

New Beetle from Volkswagen. An AutoWeek reader complained that the Beetle got all the attention at the Detroit show last January, why not let some other car share the glory? Well, it is not just that the Beetle is as cute as a smiley face and that it triggered a nostalgia reaction in aging baby boomers that warrants its selection as Car of the Year. The New Beetle's real importance is that it dramatizes a major change at Volkswagen.

VW, along with its cohort Audi, have come back from the moribund with a lineup of wonderful cars. People who stopped by to smile over the New Beetle, for instance, might have decided it wasn't for them, but they did drive off in a Passat, one of the best values on the market today.

Or their eyes might have been caught by the redone Jetta or Golf,

worthy competitors for Car of the Year in their own right.

Chrysler 300M

In another year, one without a headline grabber like the New Beetle, several other cars might well have won. Indeed, Motor Trend did choose the Chrysler 300M, another car that harked back to an earlier era in a forward-looking manner. And any list in which the Acura 3.2TL placed second (as it did in the North American Car of the Year choices) has to be a very good year indeed. The Acura is not a look-at-me car like the Beetle, but it is a fine machine wearing an excellent price.

Honorable mentions

Other cars I particularly admired that were under consideration included the Toyota Solara (sportier in appearance than most Camry-based models), the Mazda Protege (a strong entry level contender), the Oldsmobile Alero (more fun to drive

than you might expect), the Honda Odyssey (a step forward in minivans) and the Lexus RX300 (a successful sport utility vehicle based on a car platform).

Jeep Grand Cherokee

The winner was the Jeep Grand Cherokee. And yes, it is technically a truck, yet one of its favorable attributes in its all-new manifestation is that it is more car-like than ever to drive. And no, you wouldn't want to go pick up a yard of topsoil in it. But there it is — much changed and yet much the same (the differences in appearance only leap at you when the older version is parked along side the '99 model).

Certainly the superior new four-wheel drive system needs proper recognition. Suffice it to say the Jeep offers the driver a virtual locking differential, all automatic, and thus is one of the few true four-wheel drive (as opposed to two-axle drive) SUVs available.

Instead of lumping minivans and

the car-based sport utilities into a third category should be alone, perhaps with minivans. For Trend is going that way: choose the Lexus RX300 for its SUV winner.

Chevy Silverado

With a three-way split, you would be soil-toting trucks are some dandies, notably the Silverado and GMC Sierra. The virtually the same truck, the prefer the Sierra to the Chevy cause of interior trim differences.

When General Motors released its popular pickups after more than a decade, it made most of the changes in unseen places rather than in the exterior styling.

At the Silverado press introduction, Chevy management was a little worried that maybe they hadn't done enough. The public, however, said otherwise. In their opinion, they are two fine trucks.

Your road habits might call for a 'severe service' maintenance plan

Q My wife and I just bought a new Mercury Grand Marquis. I read the scheduled maintenance guide very carefully. It says "inspect automatic transmission fluid level" at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. It does not say to change or replace the fluid. Part of a local dealer's service at those intervals includes changing the transmission fluid, however. In your opinion, just what sort of maintenance is required for the automatic transmission for a 1999 Grand Marquis?

A big winner this year was the

Q&A

By Bob Hayes

A This is a good question I was waiting for someone to ask. If you believe all the hype about maintenance-free and 100,000-mile tune-up, you're in for a big surprise. The key to this question and all maintenance questions has to do with the word "normal."

Here is Ford's definition: Service is recommended at mileage intervals

based on vehicle operation. Service schedules are based on the following primary operating conditions:

Normal service

Driven more than 10 miles daily, no operating conditions from severe service schedule.

Severe service

This is determined by any of the following conditions: towing a trailer, operating in severe dust conditions, extensive idling, such as police, taxi or door-to-door delivery service,

short trips of less than 10 miles when outside temperature remains below 0 degree Fahrenheit, driving at top speeds for long distances during hot conditions, short trips in areas of humidity or freezing conditions.

Since most of us live near or

around large cities and commute from the office in stop-and-go traffic with severe weather conditions, I would recommend that the transmission fluid be changed

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TO BRIEFS

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Special edition releases

A new line of special edition cars introduced by Mercedes-Benz in America at the Betsey Johnson Fall '99 Show during New York's Fashion Week.

The designo (dee-zin-yo) pictured provides a new level of exclusivity and differentiation within the Mercedes-Benz by offering a unique palette of paint leathers and pieces on select models.

The designo is all about enhancing the personal statement a car makes with their car's elements of fashion and to what better way to launch a program but at a fashion show. Joe Eberhardt, vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz of North America.

Betsey Johnson is known for cut-edge, colorful, fun and fashion-forward—the same attributes that define the new Mercedes-Benz designo line.

CAR

1999 Honda Civic Si

turns with \$17,445 tag
The 1999 Honda Civic Si will arrive at dealerships this week with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$17,445. Underneath the hood of the Civic Si is an all-aluminum, 160-hp, DOHC, VTEC engine turning at 8000 rpm. Mated to a 5-speed manual transmission, the 1.6-



1999 Honda Civic Si.

liter, 4-cylinder engine produces 111 ft/lbs of torque at 7000 rpm.

Featuring front and rear stabilizer bars, stiffer springs and front strut tower brace, the Civic Si should please fans.

As with other 1999 Civics, the Si gets electronic controls for the heating and ventilation system. Fresh new styling adorns the Civic line, enhanced further in the Si with the sporty front spoiler and side sills.

Jimmy turns 30

GMC's Jimmy is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and in honor of the event will produce the 2000 Jimmy Diamond Edition. It will feature grille guards, side steps and interior amenities that take the vehicle into a new SUV category of expressive luxury for the 21st century. Accessories like grille guards and side steps that are standard on the Jimmy Diamond Edition are a hot new trend among sport-utility buyers who are eager to personalize their vehicles as an expression of themselves.

"The 2000 Diamond Edition pro-

duction vehicle is a celebration of the Jimmy brand," said Jimmy Brand Manager Tony DiSalle.

"For the past 30 years, Jimmy has demonstrated a unique blend of authentic truck capability and comfort. The Diamond Edition builds on this heritage of true truck strength adding expressive luxury and unsurpassed comfort to the equation.

SPRING HILLS, Tenn.

Saturn homecoming

More than 2 million invitations to the two-day second Saturn Homecoming in Spring Hills will be mailed later this month. One of the highlights of the event will be the introduction of the new L-series sedan and wagon. Saturn is expecting at least 60,000 people.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

Ford off Sport track production

The 2001 Ford Explorer Sport Trac will be built by the automaker at its Louisville plant, ending production of the Ford ranger at the site April 5. Ranger production will be increased at plants in St. Paul, Minn., and Edison, N.J. Ford will begin selling the Sport Trac early next year as a 2001 model. The Sport Trac marries a sport-utility cabin with a pickup bed.

—Compiled by Arnold Wechter

ero

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With the 4-cylinder engine. Both drove a GLS model with sport package and it is impressive on the road, but the standard traction system certainly will meet the needs of 90 percent of the drivers. It does not overlook safety. The Alero is equipped with several systems that are either optional or unavailable on competitive models. An enhanced traction system uses engine torque to limit front wheel slip and enhance stability under traction conditions.

&A

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safer than sorry. Here's what Ford has to say:

Check the fluid level at every engine oil change. A filter change is not required under normal operation. An oil change is recommended every 3,000 miles.

The vehicle is operated under normal conditions, replace transmission fluid every 21,000 miles. This helps.

Can you please explain the vehicle identification number on the Alero? What does it mean? Jean

Since you did not specify a particular car, I will use a Ford Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

Manufacturer

Model

Body type (i.e. Ford or Mercury)

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■ A tire inflation monitoring system uses the ABS to detect loss of air pressure and alerts the driver with a bell and warning light on the instrument panel.

Marion was thrilled with the interior. Front bucket seats offered excellent support and were comfortable on longer trips.

She also praised the optional keyless entry system. "I wouldn't think of buying a car that didn't offer this system. It provides women with a feeling of security," Marion added.

The system provides four buttons to lock and unlock the doors, open the trunk, and sound an alarm in case of a problem.

Even more important is the Pass-LOCK passive theft deterrent system

which immobilizes the engine's fuel injection system if an attempt is made to start the car without the proper ignition key.

A feature that we both appreciated was the high location of the sound system. We agree with the interior designers that drivers use the sound system more often than the air conditioner/heater and that it should be placed in the top position.

At first glance, the storage area in the trunk area seems a little small, but with the 70-30 rear seat folded forward there is more than enough room.

The Alero in both coupe and sedan versions is an attractive car, offering value, reliability and driving enjoyment that should attract buyers.



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Chance led high school student to '70 Dodge Challenge

Although Craig Belevender did the work, his parents get the award for patience. He was fresh out of high school in 1981 and living with his parents in Rochester, Mich., when he mentioned, in passing, to an acquaintance that he would like to get his hands on a 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A.

As fate would have it, that acquaintance told the young Belevender about just such a car he had looked at a year previously.

The next day Belevender rode his motorcycle to Flint, Mich., and following the vague directions, eventually located the forlorn Dodge parked in a backyard exposed to the weather.

Upon closer investigation, Craig saw it was in rough shape. The tires were flat and a cat was living in it.

"Everything was there," he says, "but it was all rusted." Additionally, the left front fender had at one time become intimate with a telephone pole.

Still, thought Belevender, it was one of the 2,399 Challenger T/A models that were manufactured. The car sold new for a base price of \$3,400.

The high school graduate left a \$50 deposit and told the owner he'd be back in a week. The next day he returned with a wrecker and towed the Dodge to his parents' home.

He was surprised that the tires all held air when pumped up. The remainder of the purchase price was

Classic classics

By Vern Parker

raised by selling his motorcycle.

Taking a look at the half-rusted-away Dodge in her garage, Belevender's mother exclaimed, "I can't believe you sold a beautiful motorcycle to get that piece of junk."

A lot of surprises lay in wait for Belevender. One of the side exhaust pipe megaphones was on the car and the other was in the trunk. The odometer registered 75,000 miles, but really was a mystery figure, he says.

Even though he was able to get the engine running, he shut it down before the smoke police arrived. If there were any rings left in the engine, they were bad.

Belevender totally rebuilt the 340 Six Pack engine, as well as the automatic transmission and rear end. With most of the mechanical work completed, Belevender turned to the cosmetics. As the car stands, only the roof and right door are original.

The Dodge was an original Wisconsin car and, evidently, spent most of its years in the Wisconsin/Michigan area which explains the severe rust problem.

Belevender found a pair of rust-free quarter panels in Arizona. The left door and decklid were salvaged

from the wreckage of his brother Keith's car. The fiberglass hood, of course, was rust-proof. In desperation, Belevender and a friend set aside a weekend to find a pair of solid front fenders.

They left Michigan on a Friday in a pickup truck and drove south until they figured they were in a rust-free area. They were in Georgia.

They visited about 20 junkyards and found one good fender. Sunday morning they spotted a car of the appropriate year, model and make behind a house and the elusive fender looked in good condition.

No one was home. Belevender and his friend agreed to wait until noon before heading for home with only one fender.

Minutes before the pair were to leave, the owner drove into the driveway. Explaining they wanted to buy a fender off the Dodge in the backyard, the owner said he had already sold the entire car. Belevender persevered until the owner agreed, warning it was going to cost him \$75.

Belevender kept a straight face while he paid the man, and then drove back to Michigan with dent-free Georgia fenders and a smile.

Since the car was reassembled in the spring of 1984, Belevender has driven it about 15,000 miles. "Most of the miles were put on in the first year," he says.



CRAIG BELEVENDER'S restored 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A.

As for all the time the Dodge spent occupying space in the garage, Belevender says, "Dad's been a pretty good sport about it."

After the car was reassembled,

Belevender married his girlfriend, Linda, and then entered Central Michigan University.

While he was matriculating, his beloved Dodge languished in his

parents' garage.

Landing a job in Ontario, Mich., he was permitted to leave his home with a garage, freeing the space in his

Make sure your car cover 'breathes' to guard against moisture

Dear Doctor: We have a moisture build-up problem in a 1990 Corvette that is outside and covered with a car cover. My son wanted to protect the paint finish while he is gone for a few months. I am afraid the moisture will damage the interior. I have tried baking soda on newspapers, but no change. Dale

Dear Dale: The first thing to do is let mother nature or the heater dry out the interior. You will need to check under the floor mats and rear section inserts for water build-up. The second suggestion is make sure the car cover is for outside use and is breathable; a non-breathable cover will cause a moisture problem. I do not like car covers on vehicles left

Ask the auto doc

By Junior Damato

outside for months. There are mildew eliminator products on the market.

Can't change to 4WD

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 GMC Sonoma SLE 4x4. The problem is with the electronic 4x4 push button engagement. If I try to change from 2WD to 4WD high and low range, it will not switch properly. I have replaced the button assembly and expensive control module under the dash. If I disconnect the battery for a while, then reconnect it, the but-

tons operate properly for a few days. What can you suggest? Leon

Dear Leon: The first mistake is replacing parts without understanding electrical switching. You need to either buy the factory shop manual for your GMC, or find a shop with the Mitchell On-Demand data base so they can print out the correct trouble flow chart to test and repair the system. Your other choice is to take the pickup to the dealer. There is a three line vacuum switch mounted on the transmission (driver side) that is a common failure on the 4WD system.

Weak turbo charger?

Dear Doctor: We are the original owners of a 1987 Subaru Turbo XT.

When the engine temperature is normal, the engine loses power like the turbo charger stops working. A computer analysis indicated a number of problems which could cause the problem. I replaced the turbo charger and catalytic converter, and had a full tune-up. The loss of power still exists. Can you offer any advice? Bob

Dear Bob: Computer memory faults are a good place to start as you did, however, a fault code doesn't mean that the actual problem is in the circuit. A rich or lean trouble code would be in the oxygen sensor circuit, which can be caused from too much or too little fuel, not necessarily a faulty O2 sensor. Your next step is to have the shop hook up a

fuel pressure tester and vacuum gauge and take a road test. These basic tests will tell the shop if there is a restriction in the exhaust or low fuel pressure. I have seen both problems on these vehicles.

What's with the SSS light?

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Cadillac DeVille which I purchased new and kept dealer-serviced. In the past 25 months, the SSS light has come on. Each time the problem has been one of the struts, costing between \$700-\$900. All the original struts have failed from 54,000 to 74,000 miles. The dealer said the gas part of the strut was fine, the problem is the electrical portion for the speed

sensitive ride and road. Was it necessary to replace and is this normal? Charles

Dear Charles: I have many struts on DeVilles. Sensitive ride control, all the same condition—the election of the valve action of this seems to be a common problem. To have the car handled properly, I would suggest replacement of the problem struts. I should ask the dealer to discuss a possible financing arrangement on this problem.

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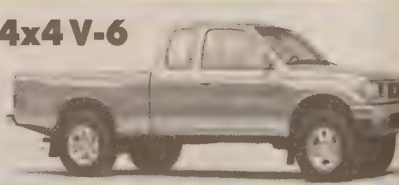
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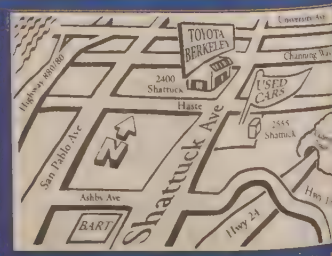
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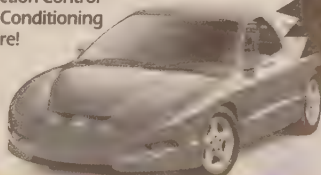


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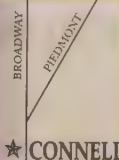
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Trunk release could save children

Eleven children were killed after becoming trapped in car trunks last summer.

One of the worst incidents occurred in a Salt Lake City, Utah suburb when five young girls became trapped in the trunk of a Saturn where police estimated the temperature reached 140 degrees.

These deaths not only stunned the entire nation, but galvanized the grief-stricken auto industry into finding solutions to eliminate such tragedies before another summer arrives.

The first car maker to report success is General Motors. In March, the world's largest auto manufacturer will begin selling a \$50 dealer-installed kit designed to prevent kids from dying in car trunks. The kits contain a new latch that requires a

Down the road

By Herb Shuldiner

lever to be manually reset before relocking the trunk. Adults can easily reset the lever, but most children will not possess the required dexterity.

The kits contain a lighted escape handle that a trapped child can easily pull, forcing the trunk lid to open. In addition, the kit has a strap that prevents kids from climbing into the trunk from the passenger compartment in vehicles that have such a pass-through or fold down feature.

The kits cost GM \$250 to \$300 to manufacture, but the auto giant is pricing the system at \$50 so more parents will be encouraged to install.

Even more remarkable is that GM, noted for moving with glacial speed on most product development projects, created the new trap-resistant system in a mere 17 weeks after the Utah incident. GM assembled a team of about 20 engineers, child psychologists and other experts to work on the problem.

About 100 youngsters were used to test nine different devices the team invented during the project. They found that a child's behavior in simulated entrapment environments was incredibly hard to predict.

Children were monitored throughout the testing program to guarantee their safety.

The new system will be available for virtually all post-1990 GM cars.

Mitsubishi

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2,000 rpms. The engine has twin-turbocharging and twin-intercooling that respond immediately.

I don't know what the VR-4's zero to 60 mph time is, as I was unable to take it to a track, but time for this car is probably in the league where cars are measured by their 0-100-0 performance. This 3000GT would easily get up to 100 mph and the brakes are exceptionally big and strong. Stopping from 100 mph to zero would be a cinch.

The VR-4 is the top of the line in the 3000GT series, which was first introduced by Mitsubishi about eight years ago. At that time, it was in competition with a lot of other sports cars that are now extinct.

In the meantime, Mitsubishi kept making improvements; they now have the 3000GT, 3000GT SL and the 1999 3000GT VR-4. Obviously, the VR-4 is the best and most expensive. Hang on: \$45,140 including shipping and handling.

What helps to make the performance and handling of this beauty so outstanding is both full-time all-wheel drive and four-wheel steering. That's right. Not only two front wheels, but all four wheels play a part in the steering.

The rear wheels are linked hydraulically to the steering box. At speeds of 31 mph or higher, the rear wheels will turn slightly as the front wheels turn. I couldn't feel the dif-

ference, but the Mitsubishi engineers tell me that it improves high-speed handling characteristics.

I was also told that the all-wheel drive system directs power to a center differential that incorporates a limited slip viscous coupling. Under normal driving, it has a rear-drive handling bias. But if driving gets a little whippy, the torque is sent to the axle with greater traction. It all happens so smooth and quickly, I was never able to detect the power transfer. Incidentally, the most important gauge on a sports car is the tachometer and it is as visible and easy-to-read as the speedometer.

The VR-4 is available with only a six-speed manual transmission that requires a strong clutch (typical of most high-powered sports cars).

The clutch is a work of art, and it doesn't require hard pressure to engage or disengage, but the gear box drove me nuts. Too frequently, I would downshift or upshift into the wrong gear. And trying to find reverse was more good luck than good management.

As for comfort, once I got into the driver's seat, it was all leather and frills. Along with a power sunroof, the car has automatic climate control, an Infinity AM/FM stereo with both a cassette and compact disc player, separate amplifiers and loud speakers.

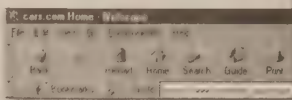
The most enjoyable sound, however, comes from the engine. Brummm, brummm.

MITSUBISHI 3000GT VR-4

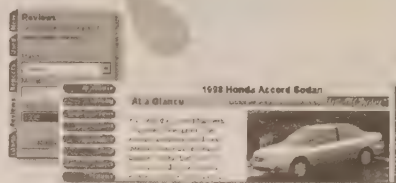
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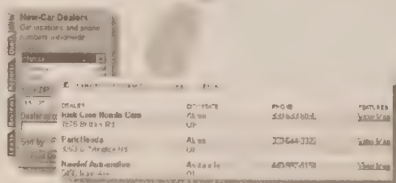
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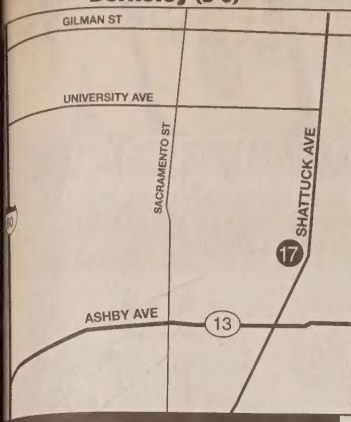
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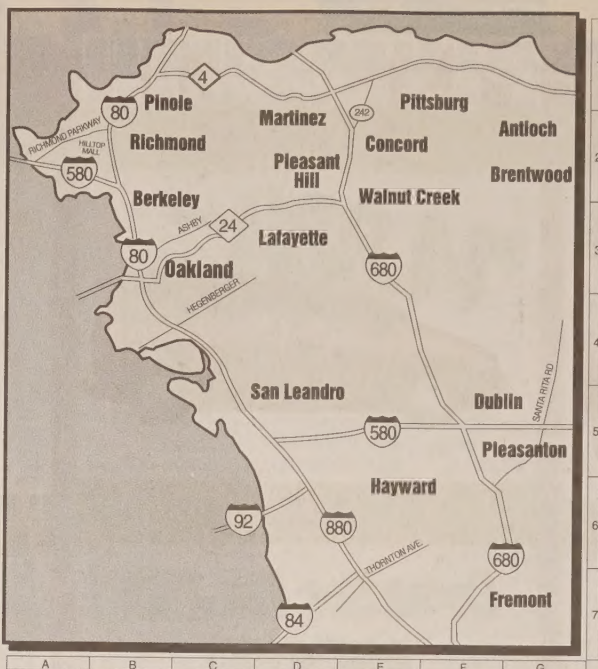
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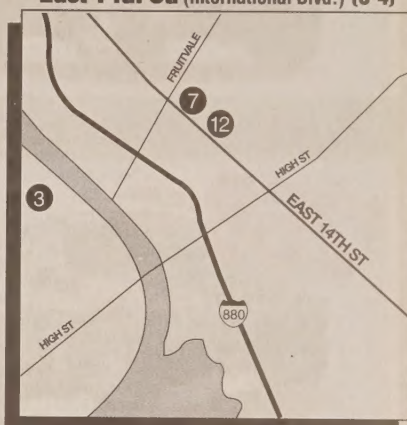
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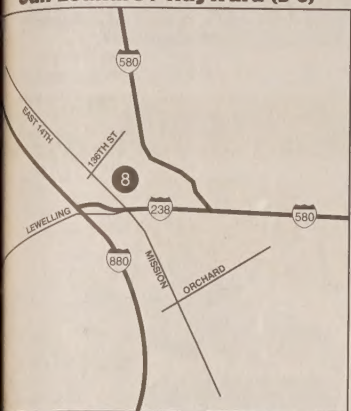
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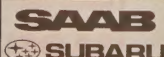
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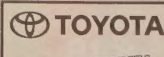
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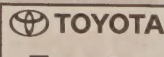
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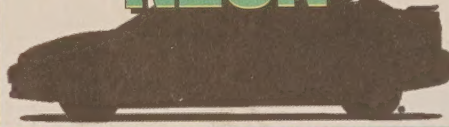


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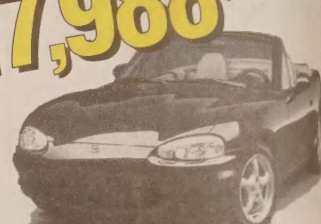
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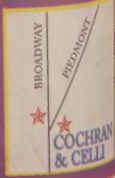
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SINGLE TOOTH IMPLANTS?

may have heard about tooth implants the last time you were at the dentist's office or you may know someone considering them. Here are the basics on the single tooth implant.

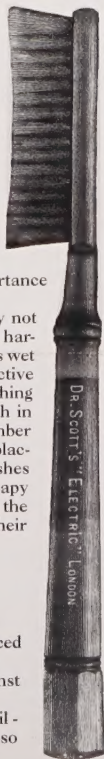
A tooth implant itself is a metal fixture that is incorporated into the jawbone and later restored as if it were a tooth. Missing a tooth has its consequences. If the tooth that is missing is in the front, the space that is left can cause a cosmetic problem. If the tooth is in the back, then chewing efficiency is diminished. If the space is left unfilled, then adjacent teeth shift into the space, causing tipped or extruded teeth. Long term effects if left untreated include jaw joint problems. The space can be filled by a removable appliance, such as a partial denture, or a fixed appliance. If only one tooth is missing, then a tooth implant may be the best course of treatment.

ONE GIRL'S SEARCH FOR A REALLY CLEAN TOOTHBRUSH!!!

It was the last time you sanitized your toothbrush? Megan Zolnowski-Casey, a 12-year-old from Wisconsin, reported on the importance of sanitizing your toothbrushes after each use. She washes her dishes and utensils, so why not toothbrushes? A toothbrush left to dry still harbors bacteria which proliferate in the toothbrush's wet environment. Megan found that the most effective way for sanitizing toothbrushes was by washing them in a dishwasher. Putting your toothbrush in a dishwasher after use helps to reduce the number of bacteria on them. The next best method was placing them in boiling water — but the toothbrushes would melt. Next was washing them in soapy water. The least effective way was just rinsing the toothbrush with water (the way most people clean their toothbrushes).

EARLY AMERICAN TOOTHACHE REMEDIES

For an aching tooth with mutton tallow placed over the offending tooth. The tallow, placed in a small bag and held against the tooth. For an aching tooth with a horseshoe nail — pounding that nail into a live tree (also practiced in Europe).



WHAT'S WITH WISDOM TEETH?

Most of us have 32 teeth. The last four molars to erupt are often referred to as our wisdom teeth. Some of us have had our wisdom teeth removed, some haven't, and some of us may not even have had our wisdom teeth come in.

Problems arise when the jaw cannot accommodate the erupting wisdom teeth. The "wisdom" teeth try to come in any way they can, sometimes by growing in at an angle or sideways. When a molar only partially erupts or comes in at an odd angle, pockets may be created that can accumulate food particles or bacteria, resulting in an acute and painful infection.

Extraction of the offending third molars are best done while the individual is still in early adulthood, while the jaw bone is more resilient and the roots of the tooth are not fully developed. As we grow older, the healing process takes longer and there may be an increased risk of infection.

Recovery after third molar extraction usually takes three to four days with minor pain, swelling, and bleeding. If you should have any questions about your wisdom teeth, please contact Dr. Wolf or Dr. Espejo for a professional consultation.

DR. SCOTT'S ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH

This toothbrush (pictured at left) was manufactured by Pall Mall Electric Assoc. of London and imported to the United States in the 1880's and sold for 50 cents. It came with a special cloth, which when rubbed on the handle, was supposed to impart electrical qualities to the brush which extended the life of the teeth. Even though the handle was ordinary hardwood.

ORAL CANCER SCREENING

Lung cancer and breast cancer are frequently in the news, but most people are not aware of the risks associated with oral cancer. Approximately 30,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer each year. Oral cancers can occur in any of the tissues associated with the oral region, especially the floor of the mouth, back of the throat, under the tongue, or on the lips and gums. The good news is that with early detection, this cancer is readily treatable. The American Cancer Society recommends an annual exam for oral cancer especially for individuals over 40 years old. Those with a history of heavy smoking or high alcohol use are at increased risk. Regular visits to your dentist and a thorough review of your health history are crucial in catching this disease early and early detection ensures the best prognosis.

HERBAL CONNECTION

Here are four herbal immune boosters recommended for those debilitated, recovering from illness or injury, or coping with excessive stress:

ASTRAGALUS ROOT — has both antiviral and immunity enhancing properties. Found in health-food stores. Follow package directions for dosage.

MAITAKE — a mushroom that has both antiviral and immunity enhancing properties. Can be eaten fresh or dried two to three times per week, or take five drops of maitake d-fraction extract three times a day. Available from Maitake Products, Inc.; 800-747-7418, or grow your own with starter kit from Fungi Perfecti; 800-780-9126.

CORDYCEPS — a mushroom believed to increase physical stamina, mental energy, and sexual vigor. Dried, it can be added to soups and stews, or take an extract or tea once a day, following package directions. Available from Fungi Perfecti.

GARLIC — considered a potent antibiotic, with antibacterial and antiviral effects. Eat two raw cloves a day.

—Dr. Andrew Weil, *Self Healing*.

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Dr. Wolf's longstanding commitment to dentistry has been recognized by his peers in the field through his honorary induction into the fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American College of Dentists.

A North Berkeley resident for the past 17 years, Dr. Wolf is also a staff member and consultant at Alta Bates Hospital and a clinical instructor at the University of Pacific Dental School.

Dr. Lorie Espejo, an Albany resident, shares Dr. Wolf's enthusiasm for the profession of dentistry and is also committed to providing the utmost in dental care to all her patients. Having graduated from the University of California Dental School just five years ago, she brings advanced technical training, youthful exuberance, and a caring and compassionate instinct to the practice of dentistry. It is no wonder that patients sense a total commitment to quality through every aspect of their care.

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On October 23, 1998, Dr. Wolf was granted Fellowship in the American College of Dentists. Members of the College are elected in recognition of services and devotion to the advancement of the science and art of dentistry. This is a great honor for Dr. Wolf!



LATEX ALLERGY

Although sensitivity to latex is uncommon, even health care workers, the number of people developing sensitivity to latex is growing. This is due to the latex in many medical, dental, and general products. People who have had any type of reaction to latex (hives, difficulty breathing and even anaphylactic shock), be sure health care professionals that are working with you have a reaction has been serious, carry identification stating sensitivity in case you have to be treated in an emergency.

TOOTHPASTE

Toothpastes perform a variety of functions: They keep teeth clean; Attack plaque that forms a film on teeth that harbors bacteria; Prevent cavities; Slow down formation (plaque that hardens)—sometimes called tartar—and Stop gingivitis and periodontitis.

The first toothbrushes and fiber sticks and the first toothpastes were animal bones that produce charcoal, eggshells, ice, or chalk mixed with myrrh, cinnamon and other natural powders and creams. Popular when the "toothbrush" was re-invented in 1770 and the tube of toothpaste was invented in 1892.

Toothpaste is a billion-dollar business with *Colgate* and *Oral-B* being the most popular.

ing over 110 different tubes, tastes and textures. The newest product on the market, *Total*, became the most popular toothpaste in the U.S. in just four months due to its aggressive marketing.

The most important ingredient in any toothpaste is fluoride. The ability of fluoride to protect the teeth against decay is well documented scientifically. Testing done by *Consumer Reports* showed that many of the toothpastes on the market did a good job cleaning the teeth without being too abrasive. Their current best buy, *Ultradent*, was chosen several years ago. Recent studies have shown that the ingredients in *Total* do help decrease tartar buildup and bacteria, although many other toothpastes are just as good against bacteria.

Although many of these products will remove stains and help to whiten your teeth you really need to be diligent about your dentist. The most effective method of protecting your teeth and gums is by the mechanical removal of plaque and bacteria that collect on your teeth and under the gum line. This is accomplished by the proper use of your toothbrush and floss and possibly a water pick.

PREVENT BACTERIAL ENDOCARDITIS

If your physician has diagnosed a heart murmur or a bicuspid aortic valve defect, you should inform your dentist so preventive measures may be utilized to protect you against the development of bacterial endocarditis — a condition in which bacteria attack weakened, damaged or abnormal heart valves, the lining, and which can be life threatening. To decrease the risk of bacterial endocarditis can occur after any dental procedure associated with bleeding, such as a professional teeth cleaning. This condition is easily prevented by the use of antibiotics prior to your dental appointment.